

**BIENNIAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**FLORIDA BOARD OF PARKS**  
**and**  
**HISTORIC MEMORIALS**

**For The Years**  
**July 1, 1957, Through June 30, 1959**



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## The Face of Florida

Both John Bartram and his son, William, walked and rode through the woods, along the beaches, and rowed or sailed the streams and lakes of Florida. They did this unmolested by Indians, Negroes and White men, Spaniards, British or Americans. They found the face of Florida was beautiful yesterday. William Bartram wrote about it in words of beauty which are still read around the world.

Those of us of sufficient age have enjoyed this same privilege during our yesterdays!

Today, in only a few areas of Florida, it is still possible to enjoy Florida freely. Signs tell us "No", fences keep us in or out, the bulldozer, the saw and the "Improver" and "Developer" are making over the face of Florida.

Tomorrow may be too late unless more of Florida, "as God made it" is placed into city, county, state and federal parks.

To the little bit thus far set aside, which barely suffices for the Florida of today, will we add to these areas to make the face of Florida more beautiful for the Florida of tomorrow? Will we keep this face clean and keep it clear of ugliness?

The answer is in the hands of our people, our government and our visitors. The time is **now**. Sir Winston Churchill's "Too little and too late" must not apply to what **we do about Florida!** (CHS)



**FLORIDA AS GOD MADE IT!**  
(In Jonathan Dickinson State Park)

To Honorable LeRoy Collins, Governor,  
and to the Members of the Legislature  
of Florida

Sirs:

It is with pleasure that the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials transmits herewith a report for the biennium July 1, 1957 — June 30, 1959.

This will, of necessity, cover the period through April 1 of the year 1959 factually and the events for the last three months will be foretold as accurately as possible.

Florida's State Parks and Historic Memorials were, as you know, acquired largely by gift. Some of them were bought at nominal prices. Only one was bought at a price approaching full market value. Some were obtained from individuals, business firms and the Federal Government. Portions or all of same were obtained through the excellent cooperation of the Internal Improvement Fund and its excellent secretaries and engineers. Still others came to the State from historic and patriotic societies.

Although many things require your attention, it is our feeling that insofar as parks and historic memorials are concerned, these are of prime importance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials  
Frank D. Upchurch, Chairman



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September 18, 1901 - June 26, 1958

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August 3, 1892 - August 10, 1957

# Summary

The State Parks and Historic Memorials of Florida are not among the largest in the United States. The total acreage in all of them does not compare with the totals of many other states. The amount spent on maintaining them or building them is not large by comparison.

However, they are among the loveliest in the United States. Every one of them can generally be reached and used during every day in the year. They are among the cleanest and best maintained of any in the United States. They conform to high standards of operation and the patrons conduct themselves generally in an exemplary manner.

The result is that both residents and visitors use and enjoy these areas immeasurably and have a feeling that funds spent to acquire, construct and operate them come back to all visitors in a large measure of pleasure, recreation and knowledge. Businessmen **know** that visitors stay longer and **gladly** spend more money when they have plenty of clean attractions in their locality. State Parks and Historic Memorials assuredly come under this category.

## PARKS BRING INDUSTRIES

Industries are quite alert to the fact that these areas are an asset to them when they are selecting new locations.

Educators are well aware of the value of both State Parks and Historic Memorials for instruction purposes. The recreation profession, the medical profession, the legal, the judiciary, the mental guidance and correctional authorities and workers are cognizant of the value of such areas. The social workers know of their influence.

The artists, historians, agriculturists, foresters, botanists, zoologists and the professional and non-professional ornithologists, game and fish people and club people of all ages recognize their value. Civic clubs, patriotic organizations, historical societies, Audubon societies, garden clubs, women's clubs, Scouts, Campfire Girls and visiting city, state and national groups use them and appreciate their worth.

## BUSINESS BENEFITS FROM STATE PARKS

Hotels, motels, public transportation companies, travel agencies, commercial attractions, camps, the butcher, the baker, the garage man, the service stations and the power and fuel com-



panies and every type of business and profession feel their impact.

It is impossible to calculate the amount of money they bring into the state or channel to be spent in the state by our own residents.

Their influence in providing tax fund for the State Treasury is tremendous!

Legislators and other government officials recognized these facts and provided building funds to provide for much needed construction in many older areas and for most of the nine partly improved and unimproved parks.

### **EIGHTY PERCENT OF BUILDING FUNDS SHORT**

However, only 20 percent of the building funds were made available because state revenues fell far short of the anticipated income. This means we fell behind in this phase of the State Park program.

It is hoped that funds for all of this delayed construction will be provided by the 1959 Legislature and that some additional funds will be forthcoming for the much needed items contained in the conservative budget requests contained herein.

### **INROADS INTO PARKS**

In recent years the Board has been faced with ever increasing requests, demands and pressures to sell or trade park lands, or to give leases or deeds to mine on them. Also sell, grant or give rights of way across park lands and to permit use of them for city, private, commercial, county and state uses and for military training.

These uses may promote greater travel to Florida, or permit an industry to save money and time. They may enable a mining company to work a greater area adjacent to their plants. They may put an attraction in a location on a favorable highway. They may save time or money in locating a fuel pipeline, a city street, a road, a highway, a power or telephone line for both the builders and the users. However, almost invariably they detract from the Historic Memorial or the State Park. They also cut up or damage an area so that it is more expensive and vastly more difficult to administer. They have never **been known to help an area in any way.**

### **HIGH SPEED HIGHWAYS DO NOT BELONG IN PARKS**

Throughout the entire country the great national highway system acquisition program has to be carefully scrutinized by

local agencies and people to avoid having wide and high speed roads through parks and thereby ruining them.

In almost all cases where this has occurred or has been proposed, suitable alternate routing was possible and frequently preferable. The proposed route through the park was generally selected for directness or just because it was publicly owned.

New York has been able, for many years, to resist tremendous pressure to use beautiful and highly valuable Central Park for non-park purposes, or having it piece-mealed out to the city department and other organizations for quasi-public uses.

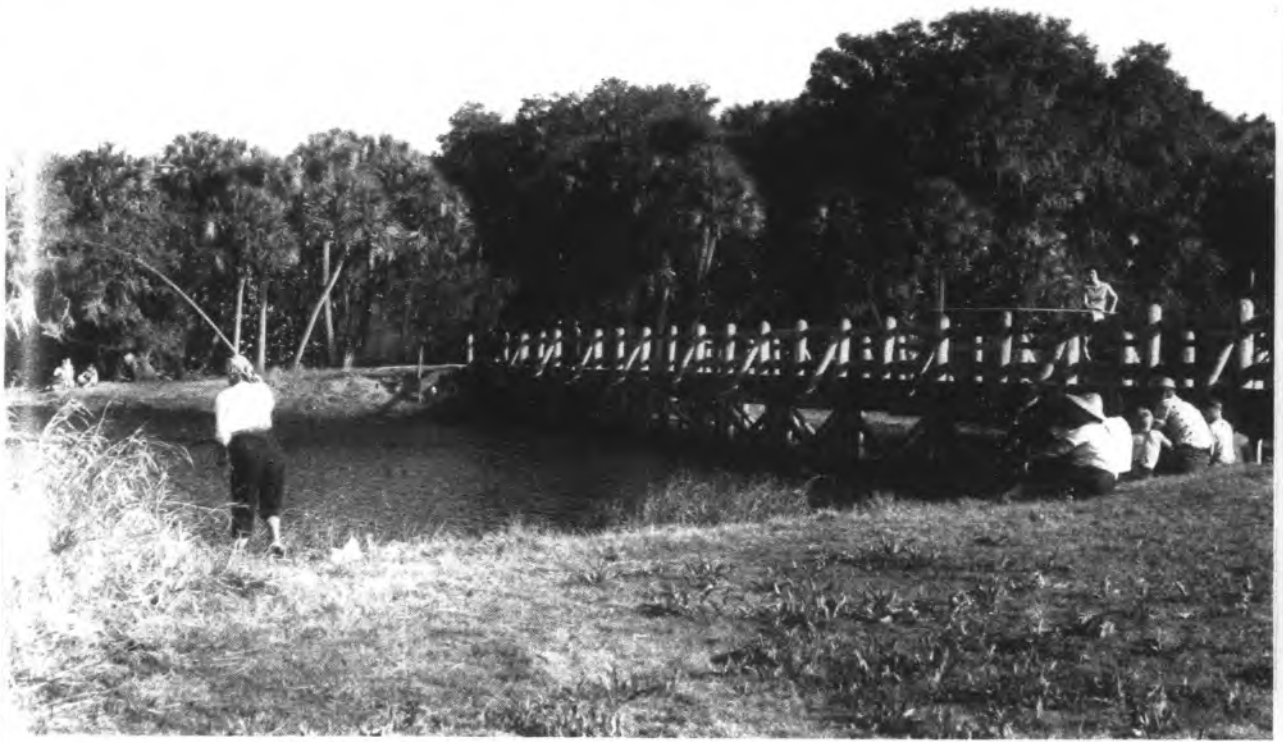
Cook County Forest Preserve District right in the City of Chicago for many years has resisted pressures to have it piece-mealed by locating firehouses, schools and sewage disposal plants on it or to being cut up by the assignment of portions of it to various groups, non-park activities and uses.

Philadelphia for many years has worked diligently to create a beautiful tree-lined park from the actual center of the city to a far hill whereon their art museum is built. It took vision, years, and millions of dollars to change a dingy, unsightly area to one of America's most lovely parks.

Coming closer to Florida, a look at Savannah shows the results of early and long continued planning in its original squares, beautiful tree adorned streets and the reluctance of the City to permit tree destruction along any street when they may be saved.

In Florida itself many towns and cities jealously guard their scenic beauty and parks and even small communities owe their charm to what was done by people long ago and also by those of today. A notable example of this is the magnificent "tunnel" of moss-draped live oaks in Floral City going east toward Bushnell.

As former Board Chairman, Mrs. C. D. Towers of Jacksonville, once forcefully told the Legislature, "We must take our State Parks and Historic Memorials out of hock, dust them off and let the world see these jewels." In the same vein she would probably now add, "We must also guard them and treasure them and avoid cutting up or in ruining them in any way whatsoever. The priceless gems were entrusted to us—we should turn them over to posterity when our trusteeship ends without loss, damage or substitution and shining more brightly than ever before!"



**The charm of Myakka River State Park depends on its abundant and unafraid wildlife. Unsightly intrusions can easily spoil its great beauty.**

### **GOING, GOING, GONE! SHORELINE VANISHING**

It has been pointed out by an outstanding reporter for one of our Florida newspapers that visitation is highest at State Parks on the Atlantic Ocean or on the Gulf of Mexico.

Florida has two State Parks on the Gulf. They are historic Fort Pickens, just across the Bay from Pensacola and brightly scenic St. Andrews at Panama City. No others exist east of the latter, none in the "Big Bend Area," none on the entire West Coast of Florida to the great Everglades National Park, none on the Keys and none up the Atlantic or East Coast until Hugh Taylor Birch in Fort Lauderdale is reached.

Northward from here beautiful Jonathan Dickinson has no ocean frontage. Newly acquired John Bartram State Park and nearby Turtle Mound are on the ocean, but are too small for general all-around State Park use.

Therefore, the next one right on the coast is undeveloped Flagler Beach State Park at Flagler Beach. Anastasia and Butler Beach near St. Augustine are on the Atlantic and, of course, South and North Little Talbot Island are on the ocean, as well as interesting old Fort Clinch State Park at Fernandina Beach.

Summed up they are as follows:

Section	Park	Body of Water
West Florida	Fort Pickens	Gulf of Mexico
West Florida	St. Andrews	Gulf of Mexico
West Coast (Peninsula)	None	Gulf of Mexico
East Coast	Hugh Taylor Birch	Atlantic Ocean
East Coast	John Bartram	Atlantic Ocean
East Coast	Flagler Beach	Atlantic Ocean
East Coast	Butler Beach (Colored)	Atlantic Ocean
East Coast	Anastasia	Atlantic Ocean
East Coast	South Little Talbot Island	Atlantic Ocean
East Coast	North Little Talbot Island	Atlantic Ocean
East Coast	Fort Clinch	Atlantic Ocean

Obviously the greatest need is for areas in the Big Bend and West Coast sections. The need to fill in gaps along the East Coast and in West Florida is also urgent.

Although Ocean and Gulf frontage is never cheap and is rarely acquired by gift, Florida needs to do something substantial toward acquiring some of our fast "Vanishing Shoreline" as we have very little in our Parks and it is getting very late, to paraphrase the great Sir Winston Churchill.

## HOW FLORIDA COMPARED IN 1957

### Acreage Comparison

Florida's State Parks and Historic Memorials comprised 46 areas; 68,139 acres in 1957.

California had 147 areas; 606,398 acres.

Maine had 26 areas; 203,548 acres.

New York had 129 areas; 2,674,223 acres.

Pennsylvania had 148 areas; 160,381 acres.

South Carolina had 26 areas; 45,972 acres.

Florida's magnificent Myakka River State Park, the largest, now has 27,028 acres in it. Maine's largest has 193,254 acres.

Florida's smallest State Park (1959) has 73 acres and the smallest Historic Memorial is the Confederate Monument at De Funiak Springs with no acreage involved.

However, inland areas such as Florida Caverns, Highlands Hammock, Torreya, and little newly acquired Bartram\* State Park of 73 acres are rich in charm and history.

\*In Volusia County—too new for development or a sign.

## STATE PARK EXPENDITURES BY STATES\*

<i>Rank</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Expended</i>
1	New York	\$15,157,000
2	California	11,743,000
3	Ohio	4,953,000
4	Pennsylvania	4,328,000
5	Massachusetts	4,054,000
6	West Virginia	3,947,000
7	Michigan	3,874,000
8	New Jersey	2,712,000
9	Kentucky	2,282,000
10	Illinois	2,067,000
11	Oklahoma	1,595,000
12	Tennessee	1,565,000
13	North Carolina	1,561,000
14	Indiana	1,483,000
15	Washington	1,258,000
16	Florida	1,193,000
17	New Hampshire	1,120,000
18	Iowa	1,063,000
19	Wisconsin	616,000

\*Information from National Park Service Publication.

## WHAT IS NEW IN THE STATE PARKS

(Up to March 1, 1959)

### ANASTASIA STATE PARK

The new dredge was put into operation and a five foot deep, one hundred foot wide and 1,600 foot long small boat channel was dredged in Salt Run. A dyke was placed to prevent the ocean from coming into the boat basin. Low spots along the shore of Salt Run were filled. Stabilization planting was accomplished.

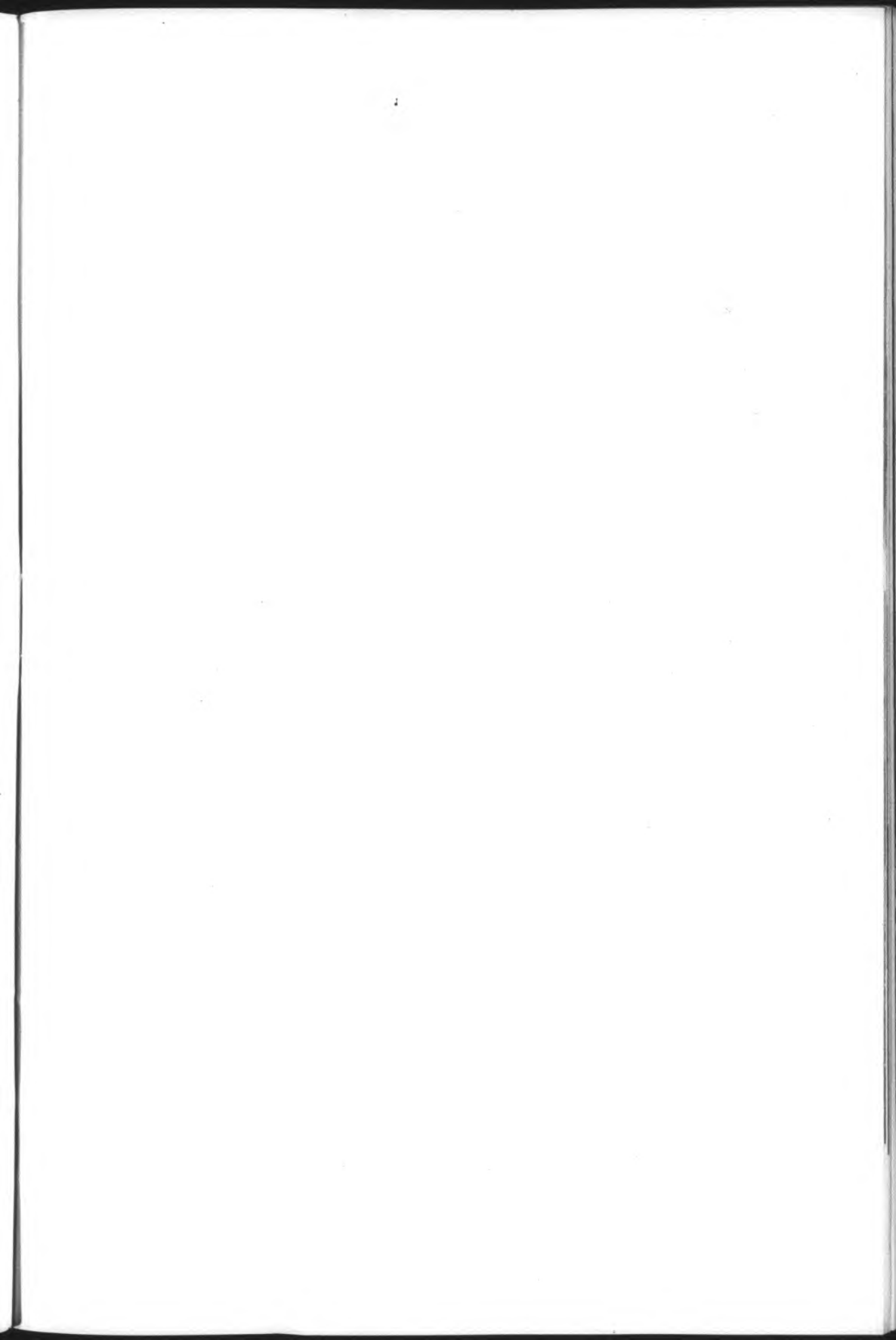
An old style wood stock anchor for the park was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rahner of St. Augustine. It will be processed and placed near the flagpole.

The small fishing dock was rebuilt. Some new picnic stoves were added as well as much needed picnic tables. A used fire truck was purchased.

The Superintendent's residence and the truck shed-work shop were completed. Unfortunately, funds for the bathhouse had to be withheld.









**This picnic pavilion on Pensacola Bay at Battery Worth is in Fort Pickens State Park.**

Battle of Santa Rosa Island. Small turnout parking areas have been built to enable visitors to read these signs.

Additional materials have been installed in the Exhibit Room at the Headquarters Building. A 76 MM anti-tank gun was donated by the U. S. Department of Defense.

A new gate—entrance building has been constructed east of Battery Langdon and the interior cross fence has been moved eastward and another gate installed.

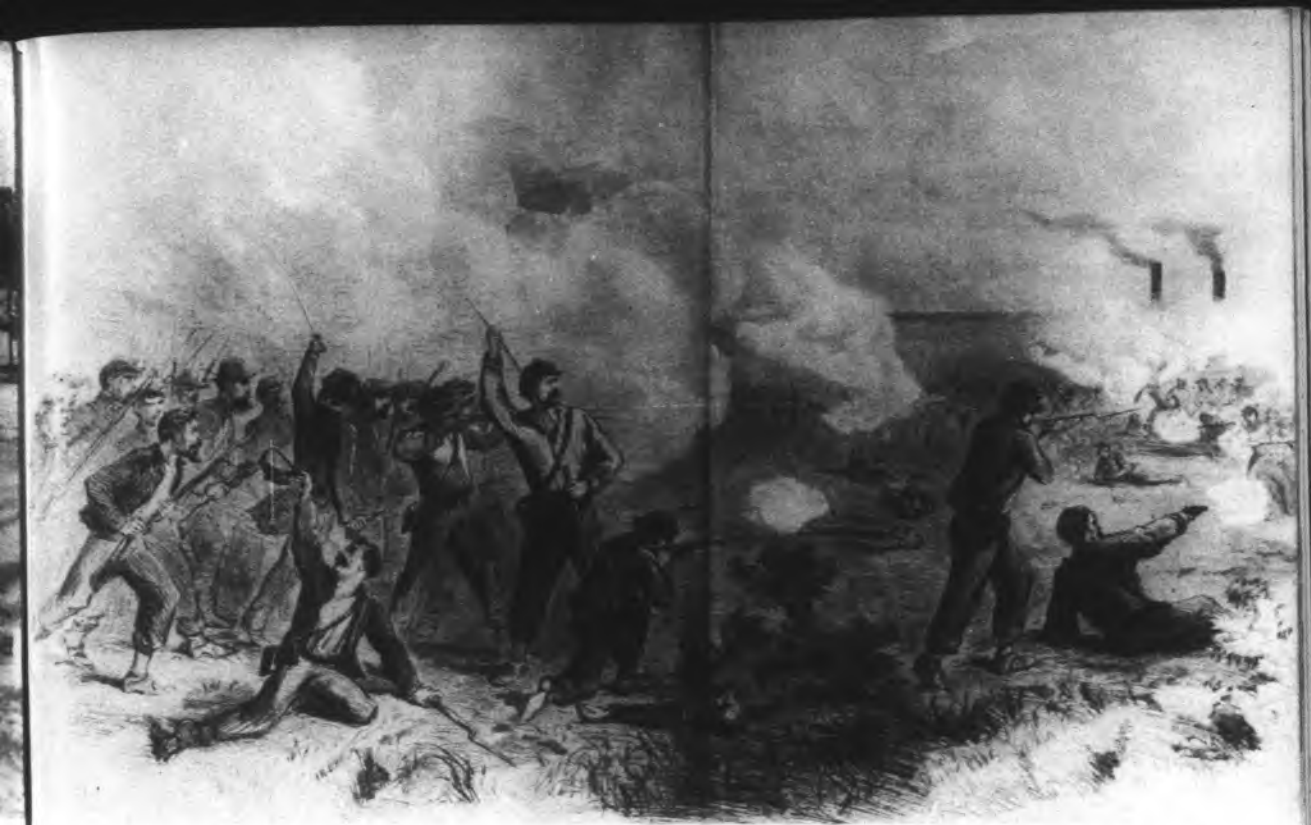
Some buildings have been reroofed, underpinning replaced and the Quartermasters Wharf has been provided with rails. A park telephone line has been built.

The county has built in the park a boat ramp east of the fence and west of the Coast Guard Life Saving Station. It is provided with an access road and a parking area.

Funds were withheld for the construction of a museum building near the old fort, a picnic pavilion and campers' rest rooms.

### **GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK**

This park, in the ridge and lake sand hill section of Florida, has been provided with additional tables, outdoor stoves, furnishings for the refreshment building and entrance signs. All cabins were renovated and made more enjoyable. A room was added to the Superintendent's residence. The picnic, camping



**The whole battle of Santa Rosa Island was fought in Fort Pickens State Park. The various stages of the battle have been appropriately marked. It was one of the first battles of the War Between the States.**

and parking areas were enlarged. The entire park was thoroughly overhauled, cleaned up and made safer, more accessible and enjoyable. Additional trash cans and racks were provided, the Gate-Entrance Office was restored to its original function and many buildings painted inside and outside.

A campers fire circle was built and wiring was extended to some camp and trailer sites. A small boat ramp was installed on Lake Johnson.

Vistas and nature trails were reopened. The refreshment building was put into seasonal operation. Building and woods-fire fighting equipment was placed in first class shape. A new flag pole was erected at the entrance. Pine, cedar, live oak and water oak trees were planted. Two First Aid rooms were provided, one at the gate and the other at the bathhouse. Boats, tables, benches, outdoor stoves and new signs were provided.

The camping area was enlarged so that it now borders on Lake Johnson.

A tremendous cleanup, sanitizing, paint up, building repair and continuously adequate service system was set up and put into operation. This resulted in Gold Head being justly dubbed "The Statler of State Parks."

A spirit of "Can Do" and "Welcome Visitors" pervades the

park under the new Superintendent.

Funds were not available for the building of a workshop and the installation of a pressure tank as approved.

### **HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK STATE PARK**

Highlands Hammock, largely a gift to the State as a result of the generosity and interest of the late John Roebeling and his wife, Margaret Shippen Roebeling, has been greatly improved.

Much of the results of the disastrous fire has been cut out and healed over by cutting, planting and Nature. However, luckily the fire was stopped largely by the skilled efforts and the equipment of the Florida Forest Service, some members of the Park Staff, the National Guard, neighbors, campers and citizens of several counties before it reached the heart of the Park — the Hammock itself.

Steps have been taken to prevent a future tragedy by means of personnel changes, training, purchase of some new equipment, cooperation with neighbors, water supply facilities, and the repair and manning of the fire tower in the Park. Another great aid is the setting up of a county-wide fire prevention, detection and suppression system operated by the Florida Forest Service in cooperation with Highlands County.

The first thing which greets the eye is the handsome and commodious new entrance and office building. A garage has been built at a ranger's residence to replace the one destroyed in the Easter Sunday Fire. A new residence has been built to replace the old one of the Superintendent which was destroyed by a house fire. Improvements and enlargements were made to other personnel residences.

The recreational hall and the refreshment building were re-roofed as well as that of the automotive shop which was damaged in the Easter fire.

The Youth's screened building was equipped and put into use.

The very popular "Catwalks" were put into good shape again and nature trails were improved. Painting and improvements have been made throughout the entire park inside and outside many structures. The picnic parking area has been enlarged and new picnic and camping tables have been provided.

The new Superintendent and his staff have done an excellent job of putting everything back into first class condition throughout this outstanding natural park.

### **HILLSBOROUGH RIVER STATE PARK**

Here at very popular and startlingly beautiful Hillsborough

the retaining wall at the swimming area has been replaced by a new substantial one. The nice new refreshment building has been placed in operation. The old concession building walls have been removed making this an excellent open pavilion.

The "Swinging Bridge," crossing the river, was designed and built by the late Henry B. Andrews of Plant City and the staff and members of the CCC Camp in 1938. It showed no sign of failing, but all of the supporting timbers have been replaced as well as other timber in the structure. This was done as an added safety measure and to save costly repairs in the future. The rebuilding was cleverly accomplished, at small cost, by the Park Superintendent and his staff.

Boats were overhauled, new tables and outdoor stoves were provided, the picnic area was extended, a new Boy Scout Area and a Girl Scout Area were provided and the camping area was enlarged. Painting, roofing and repairs were made to many of the structures.

Trails have been put into good shape, water, pump and sewage systems have been extended.

A much needed ranger residence was completed and put into use. The approved enlargement of the campers rest rooms could not be accomplished due to the unavailability of appropriated funds.

### **HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK**

This park, bordered by the Atlantic, bisected by Highway A1A and on the south bounded by a boulevard and bordered on the west by Intracoastal Waterway, has the largest visitation of any of Florida's State Parks.

An addition was made to the refreshment building. In the Group Camp a crafts shelter and two group cabins were built. On the Lagoon a canoe shelter and dock were built. A plaque honoring Mr. Hugh Taylor Birch was placed in front of the Birch House, used for the park office, exhibits and quarters.

A new picnic shelter was added to the Oak Grove Picnic Area. New benches, outdoor stoves, drinking fountains, boats and playground equipment were provided.

The great amount of use this small park gets necessitates a great amount of repairing, painting, replacing and servicing.

An archery range was constructed in the Coconut Grove Area.

The City of Fort Lauderdale, in consideration of a widened right of way for A1A, has built an eight foot wide and eight foot high pedestrian underpass from the refreshment pavilion, under the highway, to the beach. This will enable pedestrians





The CCC built the "Swinging Bridge" for the State in 1938. The Hillsborough State Park staff rebuilt it with only four hours of out-of-operation time !



to safely cross this highway at this point in the park.

Appropriated funds were not available for the addition to the garage living quarters.

### **JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK**

The new entrance and entrance station has been built on U.S.1 and near these structures a ranger residence has been built. All of this was done by or under the supervision of the Park Service personnel.

A new picnic area of large capacity has been provided and the camping area has been enlarged. More picnic tables and outdoor stoves have been installed. Playground equipment has been provided. Hot water is now supplied to the campers shower rooms.

The road has been paved from the portion of the park east of the Florida East Coast Railroad, which passes through the park, to the picnic area and boat docks along the Loxahatchee River in the western part of the park. A parking area has been paved near the boat docks.

This road permits picnickers, boatmen, fishermen, scenery and nature lovers to use the beautiful River and to stroll and fish along scenic Kitchens Creek.

Appropriated funds were not available for the construction of much needed campers rest-rooms, picnic pavilions, ranger residence, boat ramp and water supply for several portions of this extensive and interesting area.

Much clean up has been accomplished at this old Army radar camp and much more needs to be done. However, the Park is becoming more accessible and more useable.

Both residents and out-of-state visitors thoroughly enjoy it.

### **KILLEARN GARDENS STATE PARK**

This park, which has been appropriately dubbed "A Southern Beauty," has had the garden area entrance appropriately landscaped and new gates have been installed. They were a gift of Mrs. Alfred B. Maclay.

The road from Highway U. S. 319 has been paved and a large parking area has been built by the State Road Department at the above-mentioned gates. The road, parking area and boat ramp have been built to the Lake Hall Picnic Area.

The picnic pavilion and the area have been provided with water, benches, tables, outdoor fireplaces and drinking fountains.

A small bathing area has been roped off and a water skiing course has been laid off. A small arm of Lake Hall has been



**The very beautiful Lake Hall Picnic Area in Killearn Gardens State Park is already popular. A boat ramp and a wading area are here too.**

reserved for fishermen. The lay of the land, the trees and forest growth, the improvements and the beautiful lake and lake shore make this one of our loveliest picnic areas. The picnic pavilion was improved and the site was graded and grassed.

The main house and the Superintendent's house were repaired, a tenant house was enlarged and remodeled and pump sheds were built.

Mrs. Maclay provided additional plants and benches. She also installed a commemorative plaque in the Walled Garden.

A new well and pump have been provided and the sprinkler system has been expanded.

The area open to the public, in the gardens proper, has been expanded, particularly along the beautiful lake shore.

### **NORTH LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND STATE PARK**

This Park, for White people, takes in the upper part of the Island.

Picnic tables, stoves and a new picnic shelter have been provided at this very popular bathing and picnicking area. The boardwalks leading to the beach and elsewhere were repaired and extended.

The ranger residence and workshop have been completed



**The excellent dune and beach portion of North Little Talbot Island needs permanent buildings. However, to put the lovely wooded north end to use for picnics, fishing and boating, some roads are needed.**

and put into use. This area has been graded and landscaped. A separate paint shop and a truck shed have been built by the park staff.

All of the structures have been repainted; changes and repairs have been made inside and outside.

Upkeep and replacement have to go on constantly on this exposed island, but it is well worth it as this is one of the broadest and best beaches along the Atlantic Seaboard. As in other State Parks, cars are not allowed to drive on the beaches. The training, in cooperation with the American Red Cross and high standard of the lifesaving corps in this park, make it one of the safest beaches at which to swim, sunbathe, frolic and beachcomb in Florida. Less money for structures has been provided for this park than for any of our other operating State Parks.

The work center here also serves for all five of the Fort George Historic Memorial areas in this vicinity and the adjoining South Little Talbot Island State Park for Colored people.

### **SOUTH LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND STATE PARK**

This park for Colored people occupies the southern portion of the Island.



**The fishing pier extending out into the Atlantic Ocean will provide Colored visitors a lot of pleasure at South Little Talbot Island State Park near Fort George. A shorter pier has been built in the Colored Area of St. Andrews State Park by the State and Bay County.**

To its already modern and commodious facilities has been added a quarter mile long ocean fishing pier. A parking lot has been constructed for cars at the big pier. The pier is provided with a concession and lounge building out from the shore.

New picnic tables have been provided as well as outdoor stoves.

The road has been moved so that it is no longer between the combination bathhouse, refreshment, recreation building and the picnic area bordering the bathing beach.

Additional parking space has been provided and a road has been built to the big pier.

Curbing and other improvements have been made in the vicinity of the buildings.

The park is very popular and is well provided with buildings.

### **MANATEE SPRINGS STATE PARK**

From Manatee Springs it is only a pleasant short stroll to and part way into the famous Suwannee River. A wide walk—dock has been built from the boat ramp and it is much used by boatmen, fishermen, sightseers, sitters and strollers. All enjoy the swift moving spring run on one side and the shadowy



cypress swamp on the far side of the run and close at hand the flowers, shrubs and trees in the water, on the ground and in the air on the other side of the walk.

A bulkhead at the swimming area has been built to prevent erosion of the bank; it also provides a small beach for lounging bathers.

A gate and entrance have been built and nearby is the new residence for a park ranger. Camper tables have been built. The fence line was cleared and seven miles of fence was erected.

A Boy Scout Camping area was cleared and playground equipment was provided. Picnic tables were obtained and a new well was drilled.

The popular camping area was enlarged and considerable underbrushing and landscaping were done around buildings, the gate and where needed.



**The new walk and dock connects Manatee Springs to the lovely Suwannee River near Chiefland. It is popular with all ages who boat, fish, swim, and enjoy the scenery.**

## MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK

Myakka River State Park, internationally known among ornithologists and wildlife experts and a vast number of laymen, is much loved by persons who wish to see a part of Florida as it used to be. Myakka gives one this feeling in many parts of the area. However, to retain this atmosphere, intrusions such as roads, highways, power lines and "improvements" need to be kept to the absolute minimum.

This section of Florida is rapidly being subdivided, therefore, constant vigilance is necessary to avoid destruction or damage to the park.

During the past biennium a new office—entrance building has been constructed at the main entrance and a refreshment building has been constructed at the Upper Lake.

Two residences have been built for rangers use on the south side of the highway. Telephone lines were built to them. A new oil house was built. Boats, tables, electric refrigerators and cabin furniture and concession equipment were obtained.

The oxen were broken and wagons were placed in operation for the "Old Time Ox Ride" and campouts within the Park. Playground equipment was obtained and put into use.

The Upper Lake Camping Area was moved to a new location. Additional parking was provided in several locations. The large picnic pavilion was reroofed. A used woods fire truck was purchased for the Park.

Funds for a campers rest room building were appropriated, but were not made available for this much needed structure.

## O'LENO STATE PARK

The town of Old O'Leno, on the bank of the Santa Fe River of great beauty, is a part of O'Leno State Park. Here is a group camp which has been in operation for a quarter of a century. Naturally, it is showing its age.

However, the small park staff has built a new office building of pleasing native stone and board and batten, to match the rest-room building they had built previously.

Picnic tables, picnic stoves, some boats and a woods fire truck have been provided. Kitchen equipment, laundry tubs and water heaters have been installed.

Two new campfire rings were installed in the day-camp area.

The park road from the highway to the group camp as well as parking areas were paved by the State Road Department. Benches were obtained and placed along the river front.



A shelter was built to take care of the newly acquired used fire truck and the warehouse was reroofed. Some of the structures were painted outside and some inside.

The swinging bridge, although not too well built and slightly on a slant, has stood up well since 1939 when it was built by the WPA and CCC. It has been completely rebuilt by the Park personnel.

A forty-acre tract, upstream, has been added to the Park by purchase from the United States.

The Park personnel cleared, filled and hauled rock for the new dining hall, but although the Legislature appropriated funds, they were not available. This very urgently needed building, when built, will make the old building available for assembly and instruction purposes.

The proposed women's rest-rooms, which are direly needed, and two new campers' cabins also met the same financial fate as the Dining Hall.

Old "Camp O'Leno" in this lovely park is well known to the



**The picnic shelter has been built, the fishing dock is nearby, the picnic tables and stoves are ready at Pellicer Creek State Park near U. S. 1 between St. Augustine and Bunnell.**



**Only a few hardy fishermen will risk traveling this poor road to Pellicer Creek State Park and its beautiful creek and picnic area.**

first group which used it a quarter of a century ago as well as those who used it last summer from all parts of Florida.

### **PELLICER CREEK STATE PARK**

This area, until the public road is built to the park and also into the park, is not very accessible except by boat, jeep or woods cars.

A fishing dock, temporary rest rooms, a nice picnic shelter, picnic tables, outdoor stoves and a hand pump to supply water have been completed.

Whenever the road from U. S. No. 1 is built, and the park roads are built, this park will be used and visited by a great many Florida and visiting people. Under present conditions, only one man is used part time to look after the area Mr. Hiram Faver of St. Augustine so kindly donated to the State.

### **ST. ANDREWS STATE PARK**

New picnic tables have been added, but on peak days there are still not enough for the visitors. A used fire truck has been added to the fire fighting equipment.

On the beautiful area containing 21.64 acres of land, obtained from the Federal Bureau of Land Management at a nominal price, much has been accomplished.

The road to the old Government wharf on Grand Lagoon has been resurfaced and a parking area provided there. Also, boat ramps and a boat basin were built by the State Road Department.

The campers' area well was drilled, the road was cleared into it, and temporary rest rooms were provided as well as temporary showers. This area is now in use.

The water systems have been extended to better take care of the visitors.

The refreshment concession has been leased to a private operator. A group camp shelter has been erected between the Jetty Swimming Lagoon and the group camp.

In the Colored Area a fishing pier has been built from funds provided by the State and Bay County on a fifty-fifty basis. It will provide fishing farther out in the Gulf than that provided by the East and West Jetties.

Additional parking has been provided and two new picnic shelters have been built. Picnic tables and stoves have been added and the water supply has been extended. The concession has been leased to a private operator.

The Sand Island section of the park is across the Ships Channel, but it is more easily reached by putting in at the boat ramp and making the trip from Grand Lagoon, past the Channel and then beaching the boat on the Island. It is getting considerable use even though no facilities are provided as yet. This use is mainly from fishermen and beachcombing park visitors. It is an interesting and beautiful wild area for visitors who want to avoid the crowds in the main park area. Care must be exercised in using it as there is no water supply, no telephone, no electricity and the waters around it may at times be dangerous.

It is hoped that the campers' facilities may be completed, as these funds were withheld even though appropriated.

### **SUWANNEE RIVER STATE PARK**

The intriguing Suwannee River State Park is fast becoming known to the people of Florida, and other states as well. The people of Mamilton, Madison and Suwannee Counties, in which it is located, have been using the area for many years.

Even though this was one of the first state park areas acquired, funds were not made available until 1953 for any work to be done on it. These amounts were quite small.

In spite of this, the two combination picnic and rest room buildings have paved the way for use and further development.

The water system for the picnic area has also sufficed for



**This breastworks in Suwannee River State Park was the Federal objective as they marched from Jacksonville to Olustee. The old camp house, used as a residence, should be removed and replicas of the old cannon should be installed in time for the 100th anniversary of the War Between the States, starting in 1960.**

the day campers and for some use by campers.

Picnic tables, outdoor stoves and playground equipment have been added.

Unfortunately, funds were not available for the construction of the ranger residence, therefore, it was not practical to take the old camp house out of the breastworks. Minor repairs were made to keep it habitable.

The park personnel cleared out a lot of the underbrush around the picnic and camping area, but much of the rest of the 1,831 acres of the park are in need of trails, bridges and clean up of certain portions.

A great amount of glass, tin and other refuse had to be cleaned up and part of the park contains portions of the old river towns of Columbus and Ellaville. Playground equipment has been installed.

The personnel also constructed a truck shed and cleared out a work area. They also assisted in the construction of a boat ramp on the west side of the river below the Seaboard Railroad Bridge, which is now only partially completed. This ramp was being built by Madison County and the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. The new entrance road is in the process of





**The old stern-wheeler used to take passengers and freight up and down the Suwannee River and its tributaries.**

**The River is once again a highway for great numbers of outboards which can put in at many places along its banks.**

being built.

A used woods fire truck has been provided for the park.

Suwannee River State Park has great potentialities naturally and with the famous poet's lovely song which Florida has called its own, it could be built to an area with nation-wide appeal.

### **TOMOKA STATE PARK**

The boat basin, dock and boat ramp were built along with paved parking areas and access roads.

The entrance wall and gate were built. The campers area was extended and this temporary area was serviced by picnic area rest rooms.

Picnic and campers tables, benches and outdoor stoves were erected. A used fire fighting truck was bought and the power facilities were extended.

The much needed residence for the Superintendent, the campers rest rooms and a combination building could not be built because of unavailability of funds.

No additional structures have been built in the Colored area lying west of the Old Dixie Highway. However, the County has dredged drainage ditches along part of this area and along

the White area east of the public road. The scenery, usability and comfort, where this has been done, have been improved greatly.

The addition of the boat basin has added greatly to the popularity of the Park.

The "Tomokie" group was refinished under the direction of sculptors and painters Fred Dana Marsh and Mrs. Marsh. This preservative treatment will aid in protecting it against the elements. The new reflecting pool adds greatly to the beauty of the spot. One can readily see why historic and prehistoric Indians favored this spot as a place to live and why one time owner Oswald built his home within a stones throw of the reflecting pool.

The Volusia Board of County Commissioners has stated they will provide \$80,000 for matching state appropriations for buildings and improvements for Tomoka State Park and Turtle Mound Historic Memorial.

### **TORREYA STATE PARK**

Ask any botanist or forester throughout the world to name the tree with the smallest range and in all probability he will mention the Torreya or its more limited neighbor, the Florida Yew. Both are to be found in Torreya State Park, but even if they were not, Torreya is a first rate park insofar as interest and beauty are concerned.

The Gregory House was painted inside and out and some additional items of contemporary period were placed in it in order to remove some of the reproductions and modern furnishings.

Fences were replaced and the fifteen mile long telephone line was rebuilt to the fire tower. A used fire truck was purchased. A park telephone system was installed for use in case of fire and for better administration of the park. Playground equipment was installed at the picnic area.

Old woods roads were cleared out to serve for access in fire fighting and for pedestrians.

Additional picnic tables and stoves were added to the picnic area. The vista from the Gregory House to the Apalachicola was widened so that one can now get a good view of the river and of the countryside for many miles. People can now see the Gregory House for many miles.

A small bridge was replaced at Blue Spring and the Confederate Gun Pits were cleared out and numbered.

Funds appropriated for the much needed campers' rest-



rooms, boat basin and entrance station—office buildings were not available due to the shortage of state finances.

An old wood sugar cane press with vertical rollers was donated to the park by the State Geology Department through the continued cooperation of Dr. Herman Gunter. It was found not too far from the park when a road was under construction. It will be placed under an appropriate shelter in the park.

Torrey trees growing near the Gregory House have been freed of the competition of neighboring trees and plants and have been fertilized. These trees will enable the public to easily and conveniently see several of these beautiful evergreens when visiting the House.

## **WHAT IS NEW IN THE HISTORIC MEMORIALS**

(Up to April 1, 1959)

### **THE ADDISON BLOCK HOUSE**

The kitchen house of Duncan McRae which, together with the earthworks used in the Second Seminole War, are still not very accessible except by boat. However, it is very close to Tomoka State Park via the beautiful Tomoka River. The South Carolina Militia and other forces used this spot and defended it successfully against an attack by the Seminoles. The personnel of Tomoka State Park takes care of the area.

### **BATTLE OF MARIANNA HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

This area has been drastically reduced in size and all trees were removed by highway and city street extension of width. Now virtually all that remains of "Confederate Park" is the Battle of Marianna Monument and a small plot of grass and shrubbery.

### **BULOW HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

The interpretive exhibit which was designed, constructed and installed under contract with the State Museum was opened and is much enjoyed by the public.

Repairs were made to the ruins and the road was improved. Picnic tables and outdoor stoves have been provided. A used fire truck has been purchased. The picnic pavilion has been equipped with tables and chairs.

A much needed fogging machine and a flag pole could not be purchased due to shortage of state appropriated funds.

Bulow is not very far from the undeveloped Flagler Beach State Park. The countryside between them is very beautiful and interesting.

### **CONSTITUTION CONVENTION HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

A picture of Peter Gautier, Jr., was obtained from Mr. D. M. Gautier of Crescent City. Window shades and blinds were installed in the Museum and some historical books were added to the files for the information of the staff and use by the public. Some were purchased and others were donated.

The beautifully kept monument area adds much to the beauty of the City of Port St. Joe and the Museum is an interesting cultural center much visited by local, state, national and foreign visitors arriving singly, by schools and in huge groups attending conventions.

### **DADE BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

The new museum building, as well as the interpretive exhibits, which were designed, built and installed by the State Museum, have added a central feature to this Memorial. The exhibits not only tell of what happened to Major Dade and his command but also tell about events leading up to, during and following the troubles the United States had with the Indians.

Drinking fountains, picnic tables and benches have been provided. Lawn type benches have been added. The new residence for the Superintendent was completed and the old one was removed. The new garage—workshop replaced the old shed which was moved back into the woods for storage purposes.

In Dade Battlefield the Memorial area on the east side is being restored to its original condition insofar as possible. To the west are the recreational features of the area.

The bandstand has been reroofed and a flag pole has been erected near the old replica of the breastworks.

No funds were available for an addition to the Recreation Building or for two new picnic pavilions.

### **GOVERNOR DREW HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

A ten acre tract of land has just been acquired on the north side of U. S. 90 at Ellaville. It is a short distance west of Suwannee River State Park. The area has on it the mansion of Governor George Drew who was the first governor following the "Carpet Bag Rule" of Florida, after the War Between the States.

The tract also has on it the foundations of other buildings,



**Governor George Drew built and lived in this home. He was a lumberman and was the first governor following the Reconstruction Period. This shows it at its finest. It is in need of extensive repairs.**

cisterns, and a family graveyard.

It is a gift to the State from Mr. W. S. Beasley of Columbia, Tennessee, who lived near Governor Drew at Ellaville and who later on bought some or all of the land and house and lived in it.

### **FORT GEORGE HISTORIC SITES**

THE OLD FORT AREA consists of the twelve acres around the Don Juan McQueen-John Hustoun McIntosh-Zephaniah Kingsley group of buildings on the north end of Fort George Island.

Exterior work has been done on the Don Juan McQueen House, the storehouse—stable building which may have been built by McQueen or earlier, the Kingsley House, the old Army-Navy Clubhouse and the old Oyster House built by Rollins as well as the covered passage built by him to connect the Don Juan McQueen and Kingsley Houses.

The repairs were aimed at putting the buildings in the shape they were in after Mr. Rollins bought Fort George Island. He bought the Island in 1868-1869.

The fort site area is open to the public, but the building interiors will have to await certain changes, furnishings and interpretations.

The area looks fresh, well kept and attractive and visitation is high even in its present state. Informational signs have been provided to enable visitors to know who lived in the various structures or what use was made of them.

A fire hose and pump were provided as well as many items of equipment. A portion of the bulkhead was restored. The old school house and the Oyster House were improved for use as rangers quarters.

The much needed rest-rooms and water supply expansion were not taken care of because of the unavailability of appropriated funds.



**Don Juan McQueen is said to have built this house and lived in it. Next Colonel John Houstoun McIntosh owned and lived in it. Still later slave trader and trainer Zephyniah Kingsley used it for his wife, Anna Jai. It is a Fort George Historic Site.**

Nothing remains of old Fort George as the site is in the water northwest of the Oyster House.

THE ROLLINS BIRD AND PLANT SANCTUARY was set aside by Mrs. Gertrude Rollins Wilson, daughter of John F. Rollins.

The woods fire protection was increased and the resident

ranger increased the patrol needed to keep this area inviolate for the natural habitat of the flora and fauna of this Island. Some improvements were made to the ranger residence and work center.

THE TABBY HOUSE is much visited and this interesting structure is on the south end of Fort George Island alongside the public road at the north end of the Causeway.

A sign has been placed on it with all of the recorded knowledge obtainable on it indicating that it was in use in 1798 while Don Juan McQueen owned the Island.

XALVIS ISLAND, where Admiral Jean Ribault is reported to have landed in 1562, and which is also reputed to be where the first Protestant prayer was offered by the Huguenots, is included in the Fort George group of Historic Sites.

At this Historic Memorial, north of Highway A1A, a boat launching ramp and picnic shelter have been completed, and benches, outdoor fireplaces and drinking water have been provided.

YELLOW BLUFF FORT is also included in the Fort George group. Nothing new has been added except trash cans and these have aided greatly in keeping the area clean. Now the visitors put most of their trash in the cans instead of on the ground.

#### **GAMBLE MANSION HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

Original oil portraits of John Gratton Gamble and his son, Major Robert Gamble of the Manatee, were copied and framed and appropriately placed in the Mansion in honor of these two gentlemen who built it.

One of the rooms was converted into an Attendant's Office and was furnished. Museum cases were installed. The old kitchen has been furnished in cooperation with the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The main part of the Mansion has been reroofed and structural repairs were made.

Many rearrangements have been made in the museum material to display it to better advantage.

#### **DR. JOHN GORRIE HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

The outstanding feature of this park is the newly constructed museum of modified colonial architecture built on land donated by the City of Apalachicola and Miss Mabel Osborne.

In the museum was placed an exhibition designed, constructed and installed by the Florida State Museum under contract.



The Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Apalachicola, had Dr. John Gorrie's remains moved from the former resting place in Magnolia Cemetery to the plot opposite the museum where they were appropriately reinterred and an excellent marker was placed over the grave.

The Museum was dedicated on November 13, 1957. Dr. Mark F. Boyd was the principal speaker and a large number of people attended the ceremony. A number of Dr. John Gorrie's descendants attended the ceremony.

A great amount of work was done to make all three of the small plots presentable in time for the dedication.

The Leon Camp, Woodman of the World, presented a handsome flagpole and a set of colors. It was erected in front of the museum. This presentation was also made on Harbor Day.

On October 30, 1958 another gift, valued at \$5,000, was presented to the State. The air conditioning industry, at the suggestion of Mr. Virgil A. Downey of Trenton, an employee of the Florida Power Company, donated and installed a heat pump which, in using the principles set forth by Dr. John Gorrie, will heat the building in the winter time and cool it during hot weather.

### **GREEN MOUND HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

Green Mound, near Wilbur-by-the-Sea, has had an "Archaeological" sign placed on it. During the past year archaeologists have carefully examined this mound and the results of their researches will be made available to the public.

The study was a cooperative project between the Florida Park Service, the Central Florida Museum, the Florida State Museum and the William L. Bryant Foundation.

The study was mainly to determine if undecorated untempered pottery of the St. Johns I Period was present. All sampling spots were carefully refilled.

### **NATURAL BRIDGE BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

At this area, which covers only a small part of the Battlefield, a new fence has been put around the monument area.

In the picnic area three covered picnic tables, outdoor stoves and a pump have been installed. Parking areas have been demarcated and the new picnic area has been delineated by posts.

Two interpretive signs, making the campaign and battle understandable, have been erected. They show that the Federals landed at old St. Marks Lighthouse, marched to Newport and there they were prevented from crossing. They then came



on to Natural Bridge where they were again repulsed. The attempt of their ships to shell the fort at the site of Spanish Fort San Marcos de Apalachee came to naught. Thus the Federals never took the Fort and never took Tallahassee.

Unfortunately, the bridge itself, about two-thirds of the breastworks and none of the battlefield east of the river are owned by the State.



**Here the Federals tried to cross the Natural Bridge in the face of the murderous fire of the embattled Confederates. Unfortunately neither the bridge nor much of the battlefield is in public ownership.**

### **NEW SMYRNA SUGAR MILL RUINS HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

A well was drilled and a water heater was installed in the Ranger house at these historic ruins. The mill was destroyed at the beginning of the Second Seminole War.

Minor repairs were made to a portion of the coquina masonry to prevent additional deterioration. Trees and shrubbery were set out to add to the beauty of these charming ruins.

## **OLUSTEE BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

The water lines were extended in order to better care for this dry sandy area.

The short stretch of road from Highway 90 to the museum and the parking area is not yet paved.

All of this battlefield is in public ownership, but only a small part of it is within the memorial area.

Efforts were made by the Florida Park Service, Dr. Mark F. Boyd, Brigadier General Russell C. Langdon (son of Captain Langdon, U.S.A., who was in command of artillery here) to relocate the place where the Federal dead had been reburied, but no evidence of the location could be found. However, it may be in a Negro cemetery bordering the U. S. Forest Service Ranger Station adjoining the memorial.

## **YULEE SUGAR MILL HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

A picnic pavilion, stoves, benches, tables and a pump have been installed in the picnic area across the highway from the mill. It has lights for after dark use.

This mill has the old boiler and setting in place, parts of the steam engine, the cane press, the fly wheel and the cog wheel. When supervision, labor and funds are available, it is planned to put these parts together insofar as possible and place interpretive signs to explain the parts and the operation of the mill.

All other sugar mills in Historic Memorials are built of coquina. This one was built of limestone. All others were destroyed by the Seminoles. This one was destroyed by careless herders. None or very little of the machinery is to be found at the other mills. At this mill almost all of the machinery is here and although it is unassembled, it is in remarkably good shape.

## **JOHN BARTRAM STATE PARK**

This 73-acre area was obtained from the Federal Government through the Bureau of Land Management. Volusia County, through its Board of County Commissioners, furnished \$16,000 to purchase the land.

The area has a lot of beauty. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean for twenty-five hundred feet and on the west by Indian River North for a distance of three thousand feet.

This is the site of one of the chain of Refuge Houses built and operated by the Federal Government.

The Spanish previously had sentry stations scattered along this coast for this same purpose and to care for their interests.

The old cistern is there, but the house was intentionally burned by some stranded people several years ago. The old boat house remains.

The area has been named for America's famous botanist, John Bartram, who traveled up the St. Johns River in 1765 and 1766 with his son, William. The latter traveled this same route during the Revolutionary War and in his "Travels, etc." he described his travels in Florida in beautiful and informative language.

It is planned to use this area as a restful "primitive" park but, of course, facilities in keeping with the primitive theme will be placed there when construction and operation funds are provided. It is six miles south of Turtle Mound Historic Memorial.



The quiet wild beauty of this seaside area will be the main feature of John Bartram State Park near New Smyrna Beach.

### **FRANK B. BUTLER STATE PARK (Colored)**

This park is near St. Augustine, but thus far no funds have been appropriated for its development.

It will make a nice beach park and should have high usage when opened. It is on both sides of Highway A1A. It extends from the Ocean to the Intracoastal Waterway. It is between Marineland and St. Augustine Beach.

It was named for Frank B. Butler of St. Augustine who has been keenly interested, for many years, in the welfare of the people of his race.

### **CEDAR KEY HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

An area at Cedar Key for a museum has not been acquired as yet. Therefore, no funds are available for the development of the area.

### **FLAGLER BEACH STATE PARK**

This excellent beach area fronts on the Atlantic Ocean and extends westward beyond both Highway A1A and the Intra-Coastal Waterway, and takes in some of the marsh not far from Bulow Historic Memorial. It lies just south of Flagler Beach and was obtained from the Federal Government. It was used by the U. S. Coast Guard for many years for a lifesaving station.

Only planning funds have thus far been made available. This park will be fine for bathing, boating, picnicking, camping and water skiing when it is developed.

It will also serve as a focal point for those wishing to visit historic and scenic places nearby and further inland.

It will serve as a much needed link in the coastal chain of parks which will be available to the public. Here the coastline will not vanish!

### **LAKE GRIFFIN STATE PARK**

Additional land must be acquired in order to round out the area made available by the State. Also, dredging is needed to deepen a portion of the area as well as to provide fill for a low portion of the area.

An appropriation was made for dredging, but it was not available due to shortage of funds.

### **MAGNOLIA LAKE STATE PARK (Colored)**

Work on this area was started by fencing it, clearing the road and clearing the parking area. All of this work was done by or under the supervision of the staff of Gold Head Branch State Park. The funds were not made available for the com-

bination building, entrance station, ranger residence, water supply and boat docks.

This is a beautiful lake site and can be easily made into an excellent park.

### **JIM WOODRUFF STATE PARK**

**(South is a White area—North is a Colored area)**

This area is on the west side of Lake Seminole about a mile above the Jim Woodruff Dam and about three miles north of the town of Sneads.

A road has been graded and surfaced from U. S. 90 to the park. Five miles of road has been graded within the Park.

Fencing location, building site grading and clearing and clean-up are being accomplished.

Picnic tables and outdoor stoves have been provided.

Appropriated funds were unavailable for the fencing, docks, combination buildings, ranger residence, campers' restrooms, picnic shelters, boat docks, park office building, equipment shelter and permanent water system.

This site probably includes part of an old Indian reservation, Econchatimico's or Red Ground, as described and shown in "Historic Sites in and Around the Jim Woodruff Reservoir Area, Florida-Georgia" by Dr. Mark F. Boyd. The mission site of San Carlos is near the west end of Jim Woodruff Dam according to Doctor Boyd.

The Division of Corrections supplied labor from the Apalachee Correctional Institution for land clearing, underbrushing, and cleaning up where needed in the Park. This help, together with county help, has put the area in shape for the building program which can be pursued whenever funds are available.

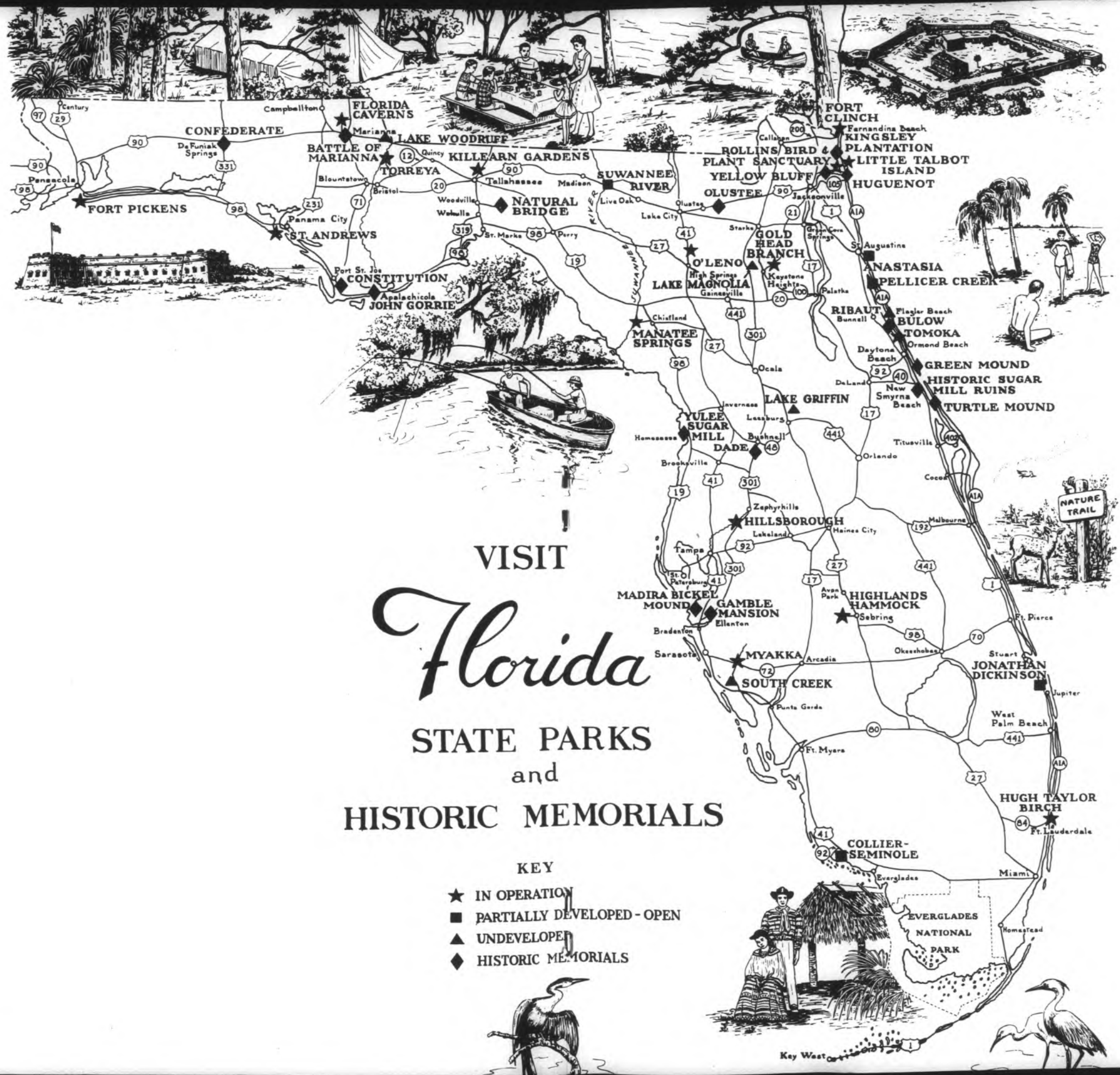
### **SOUTH CREEK STATE PARK**

This park has on it an excellent creek which flows into Drymon Bay, which in turn gives boatmen access to the inside route and to the Gulf of Mexico. A limiting factor is the clearance, draft and overhead room of the present and future bridges which may be built on the Tamiami Trail and elsewhere between the Park and the Gulf.

The Park is between Osprey and Venice and it is east of the Seaboard Railroad.

Funds were appropriated for the construction of a picnic shelter, outdoor rest rooms (temporary), picnic tables and stoves, well, pump, tank, water lines and drinking fountains, but they were held up due to shortage of funds.





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## FISCAL ACTIVITIES

Several improvements have been made in the accounting, auditing and inventory records and still further improvements are in process of being instituted. A new visible index card type inventory system has been installed. Complete physical inventories of all field installations have been made by the central office during the fiscal year of 1958-59. An inventory of lands and buildings and their values is now being taken and will be placed on the permanent records of the service. These improvements are being made in compliance with the recommendations of the State Auditing Department.

The Park Service is a member of the State Merit System, and it has proved to be beneficial and satisfactory to the employees in most cases.

Many employees now come under Federal Social Security, thereby enabling them to be more secure in their later years, or sooner in case of disability.

### STILL A PROBLEM—STORAGE AND WAREHOUSING

Office space in the Tallahassee office is still too cramped for efficient operations. This is particularly true in the matter of accounting, filing, storage, shipping, conference rooms and for Information and Education.

Lack of convenient and adequate storage and central warehouse space is a serious handicap in Tallahassee.

Bulk warehousing is not at all convenient for items requiring cover or protection. Permanent portable exhibits have to be built and stored at several of the parks rather than at a central warehouse.

### FUNDS RECEIVED AND HOW SPENT

Where the money came from and how it was used are shown on the following pages.

Shown, too, is what has been requested for the coming Bienium. Of particular importance is the breakdown by individual State Parks and Historic Memorials, what is being requested for capital improvements and the order of priority. It should be borne in mind that many of these items were approved by the 1957 Legislature, but economic stress knocked them out. **They are more badly needed than ever** and other urgent needs are also included.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1956 — June 30, 1957

## FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURES

Trust Account Control	Amounts	Sub-Totals
Cash Balance 6-30-56		\$ 119,879.99
Receipts-Mdse. for Resale	\$ 117,585.10	
Receipts-Other	129,435.98	
Receipts-State & Federal Taxes	4,192.91	251,213.99
Total Available		371,093.98
Less Cash Balance Forwarded 6-30-57		71,216.88
Net Available in Trust 1956-57		299,877.10
<b>Trust Fund</b>		
Salaries		
Expense	238,275.00	
3% Comptroller	7,936.39	
Capital Outlay	79,565.00	
Killearn Gardens Mortgage	10,800.00	
Killearn Gardens Emergency	14,396.75	350,973.14
<b>General Revenue Appropriations</b>		
Salaries	344,302.35	
Expense	150,000.00	
Capital Outlay	59,530.00	553,832.35
Grand Total Available		904,805.49

## FUNDS EXPENDED

<b>All Funds</b>		
Salaries	\$ 330,722.38	
Wages	115,928.75	
Professional Services	2,917.06	
Contractual Services	94,450.86	
Materials and Supplies	82,629.41	
Current Charges & Obligations	14,719.58	
Capital Outlay	137,141.76	
Debt Service	10,800.00	
Non-operating	75,129.92	\$ 864,439.72
<b>Reserves and Balances</b>		
<b>General Revenue</b>		
Salaries Balance	\$ 1,042.62	
Expense Balance	9.83	
Capital Outlay Balance	12.71	1,065.16
Salaries Reserve		12,537.35
<b>Trust Fund</b>		
Expense Balance	\$ 4,878.96	
Capital Outlay Balance	453.26	5,332.22
Outstanding Encumbrances		21,431.04
<b>GRAND TOTAL, EXPENDITURES,</b>		
<b>RESERVES AND BALANCES</b>		\$ 904,805.49

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1957 — June 30, 1958

## FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURES

Trust Account Controls	Amounts	Sub-Totals
Cash Balance 6-30-57		\$ 71,216.88
Receipts-Mdse. for Resale	\$ 102,368.06	
Receipts-Other	143,734.72	
Receipts-State & Federal axes	5,849.02	
Receipts-Fire Replacement Fund	2,035.00	
Receipts-Transfers	26.36	254,915.32
Receipts-Donations	902.16	326,132.20
Total Available		55,287.94
Less Cash Balance Forwarded 6-30-58		270,844.26
Net Available in Trust 1957-58		
<b>Trust Fund</b>		
Salaries	\$ 183,844.00	
Expenses	7,440.11	
3% Comptroller	108,768.00	
Capital Outlay	2,035.00	
Fire Replacement Fund	10,685.23	
Killearn Gardens Mortgage	45,881.00	\$ 358,653.34
Trust Reserve		
<b>General Revenue Appropriations</b>		
Salaries	\$ 463,671.00	
Expenses	212,500.00	703,182.00
Capital Outlay	27,011.00	\$ 1,061,835.34
Grand Total Available		

## FUNDS EXPENDED

<b>All Funds</b>		
Salaries	\$ 434,194.98	
Wages	98,523.93	
Professional Services	1,004.00	
Contractual Services	107,213.37	
Materials and Supplies	96,349.83	
Current Charges & Obligations	16,688.11	
Capital Outlay	115,969.04	
Debt Service	10,400.00	
Non-Operating	74,725.16	\$ 955,068.42
<b>Reserves and Balances</b>		
<b>General Revenue</b>		
Salaries Balance	\$ 5,456.02	
Expense Balance	.61	5,623.07
Capital Outlay Balance	166.44	\$ 24,020.00
Salaries Reserve		
<b>Trust Fund</b>		
Expenses Balance	\$ 9,564.33	31,242.85
Capital Outlay Balance	21,678.52	19,182.00
Expense Reserve		26,699.00
Capital Outlay Reserve		
GRAND TOTAL, EXPENDITURES, RESERVES AND BALANCES		\$ 1,061,835.34

## THE 1959-1961 BUDGET

The 1957 Legislature made appropriations for State Parks and Historic Memorials which would have enabled Florida to have satisfactorily maintained all operating areas. These appropriations would have built sufficient facilities on undeveloped areas to have opened them to the public.

However, due to the elimination of approximately eighty per cent of the funds for the building program, no additional areas could be opened and many much needed things could not be provided for those which were open.

The shortage of operating funds also tended to limit both upkeep of the areas and services rendered.

Now these same needs are with us. In addition, a number of areas such as John Bartram State Park and Governor Drew Historic Memorial have been recently acquired. It is desirable to take care of them so that they may be made available to our own citizens and the visitors to Florida.

The budget for operations and the building program will satisfactorily take care of the situation if the Legislature appropriates funds to carry out the program suggested and if the funds are made available after it is appropriated. Of course, business conditions and State income will govern that.

No money is set up in this budget for land purchase except where it is needed to fill in gaps or round out boundaries of existing areas. However, Florida needs to do something about acquiring some of our rapidly "Vanishing Shoreline". All of our shoreline parks are already having almost saturation visitation which indicates we need more of them. To make any amount of headway in this acquisition will take sizeable sums for land purchase to augment the small amount of shoreline being acquired by gifts from counties, cities or generous individuals.

Comparisons are said to be odious, but Florida ranks sixteenth from the top insofar as amounts spent by all states for the acquisition, construction and operation of State Parks and Historic Memorials. We need to get nearer the top of the list.

# BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE 1959 SESSION OF THE LEGISLTURE

(Summary of Proposed Expenditures For Salaries Expenses and Operating  
Capital Outlay, For the Biennium 1959-61)

Fund	Requested Fiscal Year 1959-60	Requested Fiscal Year 1960-61	Total Biennium 1959-61
<b>General Revenue Fund</b>			
General Appropriation Act:			
Salaries	\$ 584,583.00	\$ 651,730.00	\$1,236,313.00
Expenses	225,000.00	225,000.00	450,000.00
Operating Capital Outlay	34,429.00	20,033.00	54,462.00
Total General Revenue Appropriations	844,012.00	896,763.00	1,740,775.00
<b>Trust Funds</b>			
State Park Fund, Chapter 25353			
Salaries	.....	.....	.....
Expenses	260,454.00	230,297.00	490,751.00
Operating Capital Outlay	39,285.00	44,672.00	83,957.00
<b>Total Trust Funds</b>			
GRAND TOTAL—ALL FUNDS	299,739.00	274,969.00	574,708.00
<b>Recapitulation—All Funds</b>			
Salaries	\$1,143,751.00	\$1,171,732.00	\$2,315,483.00
Expenses	584,583.00	651,730.00	1,236,313.00
Operating Capital Outlay	485,454.00	455,297.00	940,751.00
	73,714.00	64,705.00	138,419.00
GRAND TOTAL—ALL FUNDS	\$1,143,751.00	\$1,171,732.00	\$2,315,483.00

**BUDGET REQUEST  
FOR THE 1959 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE**

Priority	Designation	Total Estimated Cost
<b>ANASTASIA STATE PARK</b>		
1.	Bath House and Combination Building	\$ 51,600
2.	Water Lines	7,220
3.	Cutter Head for Dredge	10,350
4.	Picnic Pavilions (4)	25,600
5.	Ranger Residence	14,800
6.	Fence	3,600
Total		\$ 113,170
<b>BULOW HISTORIC MEMORIAL</b>		
1.	Fence	\$ 3,300
2.	Equipment Shelter and Workshop	5,300
Total		\$ 8,600
<b>CEDAR KEY HISTORIC MEMORIAL</b>		
1.	Dredging	\$ 10,300
2.	Museum	40,000
3.	Museum Exhibit	12,000
Total		\$ 62,300
<b>COLLIER-SEMINOLE</b>		
1.	Water System	\$ 10,000
2.	Catwalks	11,000
3.	Ranger Residence	14,800
4.	Entranceway	3,500
5.	Equipment Shelter and Workshop	6,200
6.	Dredging	60,000
7.	Boat Dock Facilities	39,000
Total		\$ 144,500
<b>DADE BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC MEMORIAL</b>		
1.	Storage Addition-Recreation Building	\$ 3,000
2.	Pavilions (2)	16,000
3.	Entranceway and Fence	4,600
4.	Ranger Residence	14,800
Total		\$ 38,400
<b>GOVERNOR DREW HISTORIC MEMORIAL</b>		
1.	Restoration	\$ 38,500
2.	Water Supply	3,000
Total		\$ 41,500



### FLAGLER BEACH STATE PARK

1. Well, Pump, Tank and Water Lines	\$ 9,000
2. Pavilion and Restrooms	30,000
3. Other Park Facilities	8,950
4. Ranger Residence	14,800
5. Fence and Entrance	3,350
6. Dredging	6,600
7. Boat Ramp	5,000
8. Campers Restrooms and Laundry	14,300
9. Picnic Area Restrooms and Pavilion	13,000
10. Equipment Shelter and Workshop	6,200
Total	<hr/> \$ 111,200

### FLORIDA CAVERNS STATE PARK

1. Entrance Station	\$ 9,500
2. Ranger Residence	14,800
3. Barbecue Pit and Shelter	3,300
4. Pavilion (Colored Area)	4,000
5. Equipment Shelter and Workshop	7,100
6. Pressure Water Tank	900
7. Picnic Pavilion	5,000
Total	<hr/> \$ 44,600

### FORT CLINCH STATE PARK

1. Boat Launching Facilities	\$ 12,000
2. Picnic Pavilion	5,000
3. Fort Seawall	100,000
4. Repairs to Fort	10,000
5. Barbecue Pit and Shelter	3,300
6. Ranger Residence	14,800
7. Entrance Station	6,000
8. Water Supply (Camping Area)	2,500
9. Campers Restrooms and Laundry	14,300
10. Barracks Preservation and Reconstruction	50,000
Total	<hr/> \$ 217,900

### FT. GEORGE HISTORIC SITES-ON FT. GEORGE ISLAND

1. Water Supply	\$ 3,000
2. Public Restrooms	5,500
3. Addition to Residence	4,000
4. Reroof Stable Building	3,000
5. Furniture for Kingsley House	6,000
6. Water Supply (Rollins Sanctuary)	2,000
7. Equipment Shelter and Workshop (Rollins Sanc.)	6,200
8. Fence	2,000
Total	<hr/> \$ 31,700

### **FORT PICKENS STATE PARK**

1. Campers Restrooms and Laundry	\$ 14,300
2. Combination Pavilion and Restrooms (Colored Area)	19,000
3. Combination Building (at Old Brick Fort)	34,600
4. Barbecue Pit and Shelter	3,300
5. Picnic Pavilions	10,000
6. Boat Launching Facilities	5,000
7. Repairs and Safety Installations at Forts	20,000
8. Campers' Shelter	2,000
9. Entranceway	3,500
10. Equipment Shelter and Workshop	6,200
Total	<hr/> \$ 117,900

### **FRANK B. BUTLER STATE PARK (COLORED)**

1. Well, Pump, Tank and Water Lines	\$ 2,500
2. Beach Pavilions and Restrooms	12,500
3. Dredging	5,000
4. Combination Building	19,500
5. Other Park Facilities	1,000
6. Ranger Residence	11,500
7. Pavilions (2)	8,000
8. Equipment Shelter and Workshop	5,300
Total	<hr/> \$ 65,300

### **GAMBLE MANSION HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

1. Carport and Addition to Residence	\$ 2,000
Total	<hr/> \$ 2,000

### **GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK**

1. Main Gate Residence	\$ 14,800
2. Workshop	7,500
3. Picnic Pavilions (2)	10,000
4. Replace Water Tank	4,000
5. Overnight Group Camp Restroom	4,000
6. Enlarge Campers' Restrooms	4,000
7. Campers' Shelter	2,000
8. Fencing	2,000
9. Barbecue Pit and Shelter	3,300
10. Old Water Driven Grist Mill Restoration	7,800
Total	<hr/> \$ 59,400

**HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK STATE PARK**

1. Power Lines in Trailer Camp	\$ 2,000
2. Restrooms (Amphitheater and Scoutcamp)	7,680
3. Water Facilities	3,500
4. Addition to Superintendent's Residence	2,500
5. Campers' Shelter	2,000
6. Picnic Pavilion	10,000

Total \$ 27,680

**HILLSBOROUGH RIVER STATE PARK**

1. Campers' Restrooms and Laundry	\$ 14,300
2. Scout Camp Restrooms	3,840
3. Ranger Residence	14,800
4. Workshop and Equipment Shelter	8,000
5. Addition to Day Camp Building	9,000
6. Campers' Shelter	2,000
7. Rebuild Fence	4,000
8. Entranceway	3,000

Total \$ 58,940

**HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK**

1. Gatehouse and Entranceway	\$ 11,000
2. Addition to Group Camp Restrooms	5,000
3. Dressing Rooms and Showers	15,000
4. Sprinkler System	20,000
5. Enclose Refreshment Building Porch	5,000
6. Picnic Pavilions (2)	16,000
7. Ranger Residence	14,800

Total \$ 86,800

**JIM WOODRUFF STATE PARK**

1. Ranger Residence	\$ 14,800
2. Well, Pump, Tank and Water Lines	10,500
3. Combination Building	27,500
4. Other Park Facilities	4,950
5. Boat Launching Facilities	12,000
6. Headquarters and Office	10,000
7. Campers' Restrooms and Laundry	14,300
8. Picnic Pavilions (2)	16,000
9. Campers' Shelter	2,000
10. Equipment Shelter and Workshop	6,200
11. Fencing	4,000
12. Entranceway	3,000
13. Well, Pump, Tank and Water Lines (Colored Area)	7,000
14. Ranger Residence (Colored Area)	11,500
15. Picnic Pavilions (2) (Colored Area)	16,000
16. Combination Building (Colored Area)	20,715
17. Other Park Facilities (Colored Area)	2,500
18. Boat Launching Facilities (Colored Area)	10,000

Total \$ 192,965

### JOHN C. BEASLEY STATE PARK

1. Combination Building	\$	17,200
2. Boardwalk		3,200
Total		\$ 20,400

### JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK

1. Campers' Restrooms and Laundry	\$	14,300
2. Water System		2,250
3. Ranger Residence		14,800
4. Campers' Shelter		2,000
5. Picnic Pavilion		8,000
6. Barbecue Pit and Shelter		3,300
7. Boat Launching Ramp		5,000
8. Fence		4,000
Total		\$ 53,650

### KILLEARN GARDENS STATE PARK

1. Ranger Residence	\$	14,800
2. Sunken Garden (Entrance)		6,000
3. Sprinkler System (Expansion)		8,000
4. Barbecue Pit and Shelter		3,300
5. Picnic Pavilion		6,400
6. Garden Expansion		10,000
7. Gate House and Entrance		8,575
8. Bath House		13,000
9. Surfacing, Gutters, Drains (Main Garden Walkway)		9,500
Total		\$ 79,575

### LAKE GRIFFIN STATE PARK

1. Acquisition of Land	\$	20,000
2. Dredging		25,000
Total		\$ 45,000

### NORTH LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND STATE PARK

1. Combination Building	\$	64,300
2. Enlarge Water Supply		2,500
3. Fishing Pier		115,000
4. Pavilions (4)		18,000
5. Office and Headquarters		9,900
Total		\$ 209,700

### SOUTH LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND STATE PARK (COL.)

1. Pavilions (2)	\$	9,000
2. Residence		11,500
Total		\$ 20,500

### **MAGNOLIA LAKE STATE PARK (COLORED)**

1. Well, Pump, Tank, and Water Line	\$ 6,000
2. Ranger Residence	11,500
3. Combination Building	21,000
4. Other Park Facilities	2,750
5. Entranceway and Entrance Station	3,800
6. Equipment Shelter and Shop	5,300
7. Dock	5,000
8. Picnic Pavilion	8,000
Total	<hr/> \$ 63,350

### **MANATEE SPRINGS STATE PARK**

1. Enlarge Bath House	\$ 8,250
2. Equipment Shelter and Workshop	6,200
3. Pavilion	5,750
4. Barbecue Pit and Shelter	3,300
5. Spring Overlook Walkway	2,500
6. Scout Campers' Restrooms	4,200
7. Acquisition of Land	20,000
8. Campers' Shelter	2,000
Total	<hr/> \$ 52,200

### **MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK**

1. Campers' Restrooms and Laundry	\$ 14,300
2. Pavilions (2)	11,500
3. Barbecue Pit and Shelter	3,300
4. Equipment Shelter and Workshop	8,000
5. Fence (10.5 Miles)	14,300
6. Campers' Shelter	2,000
7. Entranceway and Gate	3,000
8. Natural History Museum	24,000
Total	<hr/> \$ 80,400

### **O'LENO STATE PARK**

1. Group Camp Dining Hall	\$ 45,000
2. Girls' Bath House	9,600
3. Group Camp Cabins	28,800
4. Entranceway	4,200
Total	<hr/> \$ 87,600

### **OLUSTEE BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

1. Restroom (Colored) and Storage (Add.)	\$ 7,200
Total	<hr/> \$ 7,200



### PELLICER CREEK STATE PARK

1. Ranger Residence	\$ 14,800
2. Well, Pump, Tank, and Storage	5,000
3. Picnic Shelter and Restrooms	12,000
4. Boat Launching Ramp	5,000
5. Fence	7,000
Total	<hr/> \$ 43,800

### SOUTH CREEK STATE PARK

1. Water Line	\$ 4,000
2. Combination Buildings (1 White and 1 for Colored Area)	75,000
3. Ranger Residence	14,800
4. Other Park Facilities	4,000
5. Equipment Shelter and Workshop	5,300
6. Fence, Entranceway and Entrance Station	9,200
Total	<hr/> \$ 112,300

### ST. ANDREWS STATE PARK

1. Campers' Restrooms and Laundry	\$ 14,300
2. Pavilions and Colonnade	26,000
3. Equipment Shelter and Workshop	8,000
4. Ranger Residence	14,800
5. Dock (Grand Lagoon)	5,000
6. Fence	800
7. Picnic Restrooms at Ramp	10,000
8. Campers' Shelter	2,000
Total	<hr/> \$ 80,900

### SUWANNEE RIVER STATE PARK

1. Campers' Restrooms and Laundry	\$ 14,300
2. Ranger Residence	14,800
3. Extension of Water Line	1,500
4. Pavilions (2)	16,000
5. Barbecue Pit and Shelter	3,300
6. Campers' Shelter	2,000
7. Foot Bridge	1,500
8. Acquisition of Land	4,500
9. Entranceway	4,000
Total	<hr/> \$ 61,900

### **NORTH SUWANNEE RIVER STATE PARK (COL.)**

1. Well, Pump, Tank, and Water Lines	\$	2,000
2. Fence		4,900
3. Combination Restrooms and Pavilion		14,400
4. Other Park Facilities		1,200
5. Equipment Shelter and Workshop		4,400
6. Ranger Residence		11,500
Total	\$	38,400

### **TOMOKA STATE PARK**

1. Campers' Restrooms and Laundry	\$	14,300
2. Combination Building		34,000
3. Ranger Residence		14,800
4. Barbecue Pit and Shelter		3,300
5. Boat Ramp (Colored Area)		2,000
6. Pavilions (2)		16,000
7. Campers' Shelter		2,000
8. Fishing Docks (1 White and 1 Colored Area)		2,000
Total	\$	88,400

### **TORREYA STATE PARK**

Campers' Restrooms and Laundry	\$	14,300
Ranger Residence		14,800
3. Equipment Shelter and Workshop		6,200
4. Entrance Station		6,500
5. Group Camp Restrooms and Kitchen		9,700
6. Picnic Pavilion		8,000
7. Completion of Gregory House		1,140
8. Furniture for Gregory House (Antique)		3,000
9. Campers Shelter		2,000
10. Trailside Shelters		2,000
11. Entranceway		4,000
Total	\$	71,640

### **TURTLE MOUND HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

1. Ranger Residence	\$	14,800
2. Well, Pump and Tank		2,000
3. Museum and Restroom Building		17,400
4. Museum Exhibit		4,000
5. Fence		700
Total	\$	38,900

### **YULEE SUGAR MILL HISTORIC MEMORIAL**

1. Boundary Fence	\$	800
Total	\$	800

**To be Financed from:**

Appropriations from General Revenue fund           \$ 2,683,470

Other Sources (List):

See Note Below

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY           \$ 2,683,470

Note: Under the provisions of Chapter 30294, Statutes of 1955, Volusia County will match state funds for buildings and improvements. Anticipated matching funds for the 1959-61 biennium is \$26,500. Later word has raised this gift to \$80,000.

## **INFORMATION AND EDUCATION**

### **WHO HELPED PUBLICIZE PARKS**

Publishers, editors, reporters, writers, photographers and other staff members of newspapers, magazines, weekly guides, house organs, books, advertising firms and journals have helped publicize Florida's State Parks and Historic Memorials tremendously.

Free-lance and many other writers provided articles of great charm or action of today and yesteryear.

This help has come from little weeklies to some of the largest publications in Canada and the United States. This help has been in the form of "shorts" of one or two lines and single pictures or in full page spreads.

The State's help has ranged from nothing to written articles and picture layouts. Its cost to the State has been negligible, its value has been enormous, editorials and special articles could not have been bought at any price.

Historically researched articles were of particular value as they unearthed many facts which had not been brought to light before.

The State Library has continued its skillful and friendly cooperation in furnishing information, publications and pictures.

The News Bureau and other branches of the State Development Commission have been very helpful in publicizing our State Parks and Historic Memorials. They have been particularly helpful in supplying photographs and factual material to the Park Service. Also by the excellent coverage in "Vacation Guide".

The Welcome Stations on several of the main highways en-

tering Florida have been invaluable in acquainting travelers and others with Florida's State Parks and Historic attractions by word and the distribution of literature. Their friendly, attractive and well informed personnel are the first official Florida people visitors meet and the impression is decidedly favorable. The only drawback is that there are too few of these stations on our borders.

The State Department of Agriculture, the State Road Department, the Stephen Foster Memorial, the State Chamber of Commerce and almost all Chambers of Commerce in Florida and elsewhere, counties, cities, hotels, motels, public agencies, many Florida attractions, and also private persons assist in distributing material at no cost to the State. Convention managers, hotels, camps, clubs, and organizations quite frequently use materials prior to and at meetings.

Travel, automobile clubs, public relations and vacation managers request much material for their own use and distribution.

All major mapping companies, gasoline companies, and of course Florida's State Road Department, show on their maps State Park and Historic Memorial locations and use pictures, vignettes, and tabular and descriptive information. This information is very helpful for the traveler and is of immeasurable value to Florida in increasing travel, length of stay, and amount of money spent in Florida by both Florida folks and visitors. Full cooperation is being rendered to these map making agencies.

Radio stations and T.V. gave invaluable help. Educational T.V. aided materially.

Park personnel aided all of these media in many ways.

### **INVESTIGATIONS AND RESEARCH**

Dr. Mark F. Boyd of Tallahassee, Dr. Dorothy Dodd and the staff of the State Library, the Smithsonian Institution, the State Museum, the Florida Historical Society, the National Park Service, the State Geologist, many individuals, the U. S. Navy, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the members of the Florida Park Service furnished materials, made investigations or conducted research in connection with our areas or proposed areas.

We are particularly indebted to Lt. D. P. Kirchner, U.S.N., for his unceasing efforts in supplying pictures and negatives about coastal fortifications and his article in the Proceedings of the U. S. Naval Institute (1958) relating to them.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

During the Biennium two revised issues of the popular folder "Florida's State Parks Invite You" were printed and distributed. They are very much in demand and went to all states in the United States, to Canada, Central and South American countries and to many European countries. Requests from Spain were particularly numerous.

Pamphlets were revised and reprinted and distributed on Killearn Gardens, Fort Pickens, Dade Battlefield and Tomoka. New pamphlets were written and published on Bulow Ruins, Gamble Mansion, Yulee, New Smyrna Sugar Mill Ruins, Turtle Mound, Constitution Convention and Fort Clinch. Unfortunately, a number of these publications were soon exhausted and although in great demand by educators, chambers of commerce and history minded people, they cannot be reprinted until funds are available. These pamphlets were all well illustrated and, in many cases, the leading articles were by historians or writers, but a number of them were worked up by Park Service personnel.

Photographs were obtained from individuals, the State Library, the State News Bureau, the Smithsonian Institute, the Library of Congress, writers and publishers.

Guide maps were made in quantity for a great number of areas. They and other mimeographed leaflets are quite valuable in acquainting visitors with our areas, temperatures, camping and answering much asked inquiries.

News items and "shorts" were issued at frequent intervals. Many of them were published in whole or in part. In many cases they serve as background material for editors, reporters and writers who frequently apply local angles to them to make them more suitable for their locality. The shorts are very popular with the newspapers, but require considerable research by the writer.

Photographs are being constantly added by the Park Service, by gift, by copying, by the State News Bureau and by purchase. They are given to papers, magazine writers and others who use them to great advantage both to the publication and to State Parks, Historic Memorials and Florida.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY, SLIDES AND MOVING PICTURES**

The Chief of this Branch has been acting as the Park Service Photographer. He has taken all except a few of the photographs made in the Parks and Memorials and other photographs needed by the Service for its own use and the use of writers, television



programs and other media during the past four years.

In addition, a collection of several thousand colored slides have been made; thereby livening up talks by Park people and by club and civic club speakers.

There is great need and much demand for at least one short color film of areas on the Peninsula and one for North Florida. These would fill in a gap for public showings, film libraries, schools and educational television and broadcasted television. They would be of great value both in Florida as well as in other states.

The cost of making these films would come back to Florida many times over in increased taxes on gasoline alone!

### EXHIBITS

Through the excellent cooperation of the Fair Associations, the Fair Secretaries and interested organizations and their officials, Park and Historic Memorial exhibits were shown at the places indicated.

They attracted wide attention and did an immeasurable



This mannequin exhibit shows a few of the things a family use or buy when they go to State Parks.

amount of good in acquainting thousands of persons with the areas, their attractiveness and how they affect the recreation, history, cultural life, education and even the economy of Florida.

Two of them were awarded cups and blue ribbons by the Associations.

Fairs—Meetings—Conventions	Place	Exhibit	Year
Eustis Fair*	Eustis	Photomural—Map	1957
Bay County Fair*	Panama City	Photomural—Map	1957
Pensacola Interstate Fair***	Pensacola	Ft. Pickens Interpretive	1957
Jackson County Fair	Marianna	Mannequin	1957
Leon County Fair	Tallahassee	Mannequin	1957
Columbia County Fair	Lake City	Photomural—Map	1957
Suwannee County Fair	Live Oak	Photomural—Map	1957
Greater Jacksonville Agricultural & Industrial Fair	Jacksonville	Mannequin	1957
Palm Beach County Fair	West Palm Beach	Mannequin	1958
Florida State Fair	Tampa	Mannequin	1958
Sarasota County Fair	Sarasota	Photomural—Myakka	1958
U. S. Postmasters**	Cleveland, Ohio	Photomural—Map Revised	1958
Columbia County Fair	Lake City	Mannequin	1958
Suwannee County Fair	Live Oak	Mannequin	1958
Pensacola Interstate Fair	Pensacola	Florida Masterpieces	1958
North Florida Fair	Tallahassee	Florida Masterpieces	1958
Sumter County Farmers Day	Bushnell	Photomural—Map	1958
Sumter County Fair	Bushnell	Photomural—Map Revised	1958
Greater Jacksonville Agricultural & Industrial Fair	Jacksonville	Florida Masterpieces	1958
State Junior Chamber of Commerce	St. Augustine	Photomural—Black & White	1958
Palm Beach County Fair	West Palm Beach	Florida Masterpieces	1958
Florida State Fair	Tampa	Florida Masterpieces	1959
Sarasota Fair	Sarasota	Masterpieces—Myakka	1959

The exhibits were made by the following parks:

Photomural: Caverns, Killearn, O'Leno, and Gold Head Branch

Photomural—Map: Caverns, Killearn, O'Leno and Gold Head Branch

Photomural—Map Revised: Caverns, Killearn, O'Leno and Gold Head Branch

Mannequin: Caverns and O'Leno

Florida Masterpieces: O'Leno, Caverns and Gold Head Branch

Fort Pickens—Interpretive\*\*\*: Caverns

Photomural—Myakka: Caverns, O'Leno and Myakka

\*Arrangements for these exhibits were made by the local Garden Clubs.

\*\*Arrangements for this exhibit were made by the Florida Postmasters and the State Development Commission.

\*\*\*This exhibit was designed for permanent display at Fort Pickens.

The exhibits at Sarasota were designed by Superintendent Allen Crowley and were built by the Park Rangers using some of the other exhibits and material from the park.

The exhibits were transported, erected and attended by Superintendents or Rangers of the parks near where they were shown.



Only a few of Florida's gorgeous scenic areas and some of our historic heritage could be shown in this "Masterpiece" exhibit.

### SIGNS AND POSTERS

The sign shop at Gold Head Branch has recently stepped up and simplified the production of the very appropriate and distinctive routed letter signs used at the parks and in our exhibits.

Signs were made here to better explain the Battle of Santa Rosa Island, fought entirely in Fort Pickens State Park. In this same park the sites of the old Sand Batteries have been marked and other features in the park have been marked.

Interpretive signs for Natural Bridge were built in the shop and painted by a commercial sign painter. Hundreds of other routed signs were made for use throughout the park system.

The metal directional highway signs are made at this shop and are holding up well in use and require a minimum of maintenance.

Whenever funds are available, more of the "State Park Good Manners" posters will be obtained for use on the areas. Their suggestive rather than commanding wording makes them effective in Florida and in other states where they requested permission to copy them to suit their needs.

Many of the older entrances have new signs and all of the



**The Plaza at old Fernandina and Fort San Carlos was Spain's closest outpost to the United States. Across Cumberland Sound, on Cumberland Island in Georgia, stood Fort William.**

newer areas in operation have signs on them.

The number of our signs is sometimes too great on a few of the areas and when this happens, efforts are made to eliminate some and to combine others. Care is being taken to avoid negative wording "law signs" and too many restrictive signs.

### **PARK BOTANIST**

The Botanist, headquartered at Highlands Hammock, continued to conduct "carryall," car and walking tours in that park for visitors, scouts, school children, civic, conservation, church and college groups. The Botanist also gave talks, showed slides and gave instruction at many places in the State and also made radio talks and appeared on television. She also gave instruction and helped direct the Blanche Covington Nature Camp at O'Leno and spoke at other camps.

Plant lists were made for a number of parks and trails and areas were labeled at many others. A plant collection was made at Suwannee and work was done on the herbarium in the old Record House at Highlands Hammock. This fire resistant structure has been completely assigned to the Botanist since the new entrance—office building has been put into use.

## ROADS, PARKING AREAS AND BOAT RAMPS

During the past two years notable progress has been made by the State Road Department, aided by the various counties and sometimes cities, in providing roads, parking areas and boat launching ramps in the State Parks and Historic Memorials.

At Fort Pickens State Park the staff built the road and the parking lot at the Battery Worth Picnic Area using clay and shell, and also provided turnouts for the series of Battle of Santa Rosa Island signs. Turnouts are needed for the very popular portion of the park between the Coast Guard Station and Pensacola Beach. This narrow, scenic and highly used area is bordered closely by the Gulf of Mexico and beautiful Pensacola Bay. Thousands of people use both beaches, but only a handful of parking turnouts and no parking areas have been provided. In all probability, thousands of out-of-state visitors who attend the Quadricentennial celebration will get stuck in the sand while visiting the park. A boat ramp, parking area and a short road have been built, by the County, west of the Coast Guard Station.

At Florida Caverns State Park the roads were resurfaced and O'Leno has a good surfaced road and parking area. The Fort Clinch roads and parking area have been resurfaced. Hugh Taylor Birch roads and parking areas has been surfaced and extended. Parking areas and a boat ramp have been built into the Gardens and the Lake Hall Picnic Area at Killearn.

Jonathan Dickinson has just completed the road from the railroad to the river, thus making the rough dirt road into an all weather drive. A parking area has been built at the river.

The road and parking area have been paved at Collier-Seminole and the new entrance road into Suwannee River State Park is under construction.

The short stretch of road to the Government Wharf at St. Andrews has been repaved, a small parking area was paved and boat ramps have been built.

No roads in some of our oldest areas, namely, Hillsborough River, Myakka River, Olustee, Addison Blockhouse, Bulow, Pellicer and Fort George have been paved. Roads at Highlands Hammock, built a quarter of a century ago through the generosity of the Roeblings, are in great need of resurfacing. They have never really had a good resurfacing in all of these years of use.





The beautiful Ravine of Gold Head Branch State Park leads downward to an old water mill-site which would make a restoration of great interest and beauty.

Much progress has been made during the past two years by the State Road Department in taking care of park needs. It is hoped that in this next biennium all of the State Park and Historic Memorial roads and parking areas will be constructed and maintained, for the benefit of the residents of Florida and the visitors.

### **WHAT OF QUADRICENTENNIAL—SPANISH?**

### **WHAT OF RESTORATIONS—ST. AUGUSTINE?**

The Quadricentennial Celebration, starting at Pensacola this year and proceeding eastward and south in Florida, is fast getting in shape at Pensacola. Nearby Fort Pickens will not have anything to show for any of three Spanish Forts which once stood at the western end of Santa Rosa Island even though they were simple, easily constructed, log enclosures. No Spanish type cannon are there. Happily, a reproduction to scale of the town of Pensacola on Santa Rosa Island is being built just east of the Park. This reconstruction has in it, quite appropriately, a fort which represents the fourth Spanish fort which was in the Park.

Scarcity of appropriated funds prevented the building of the museum in Fort Pickens State Park.

Going eastward, the site of Fort San Luis and the neighboring mission site at Tallahassee are not in public ownership and, although plans exist, no funds have ever been made available for the acquisition of the land or the reconstruction. Historians and patriotic organizations have long been in favor of doing something about these sites.

Southward, at the village of St. Marks, there still stands vestiges of famous Fort San Marcos de Apalachee. Plans of it are on hand. This was Spain's Middle Florida bastion—to the west was Pensacola with Fort San Carlos and the Santa Rosa Island Fort. To the east was St. Augustine and great grim Castillo de San Marcos.

Only the Middle Bastion at St. Marks remains, inaccessible, uncared for and unowned by either the State of Florida or the United States.

Here, or here about, historic and thrilling events took place down through historic time through the War Between the States.

Further eastward is Amelia Island and its stirring history. Luckily, Fort Clinch State Park and its Plaza in Old Fernandina was the site of much of this history. Near the Plaza, where the Spanish Fort stood, the General Duncan L. Clinch and Amelia



You are welcomed at Spains old Castillo at St. Augustine, at Fort San Carlos at Pensacola and are greeted at Fort Clinch at Fernandina. Only Fort San Marcos de Apalachee at Saint Marks is unavailable to the public except by boat. The above picture shows it as it stands today.

Island Historical Society has erected a marker at the site of the Battle of McLure's Hill. Here is where the Territory of East Florida forces defeated the Spanish. Spanish guns are needed at the Plaza. The Fort Clinch Museum is badly in need of interpretive exhibits to depict two Spanish and the intervening British periods.



**The spot where the "Patriots" fought the Spanish has been suitably marked by the General Duncan L. Clinch and Amelia Island Historical Society.**

Naturally, Fort Caroline near Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Bradenton with DeSoto's landing site and marker will probably participate in the celebration.

Other places, having Spanish historical association and interest will, of course, participate in this Quadricentennial to a greater or lesser extent. However, almost anything marked or restored for the Quadricentennial will do much for the areas in the years to follow.

The old St. Augustine-Pensacola Road is in need of marking from end to end. It would no doubt be of great interest and be much used by hikers, horseback riders, riding and carriage clubs and cyclers if it were marked for its entire length through



the woods, fields and across the streams. It could be as well known as the Appalachian Trail!

This road is marked east of High Springs by the Gainesville DAR, and it has also been marked west of the Santa Fe River where it crossed the natural bridge.

### **WHAT OF THE CENTENNIAL OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES**

The entire United States is preparing for the Centennial of the great War Between the North and South. This starts in 1960 which is within this very legislative biennium. It is only a year away.

Fort Pickens needs guns and gun mounts, a museum, exhibits, structural repairs, some new facilities and some reconstruction. It needs extensive parking areas as cars that get in the sand go down and stay there until pulled out. It needs trained guides and interpretive personnel. It needs lighting and repairs for all batteries, and repairs and replacements of the popular piers and wharves. It needs more picnic and rest-room facilities. It needs these things regardless of the Celebration!

Naturally, State finances cannot provide all that is needed, but all we can afford should be provided because here is where probably the first large-scale amphibious assault of the War occurred in the Battle of Santa Rosa Island. Here is where Lt. Adam J. Slemmer held out! This was the only Federal Fort which held out against attack and capture in the South!

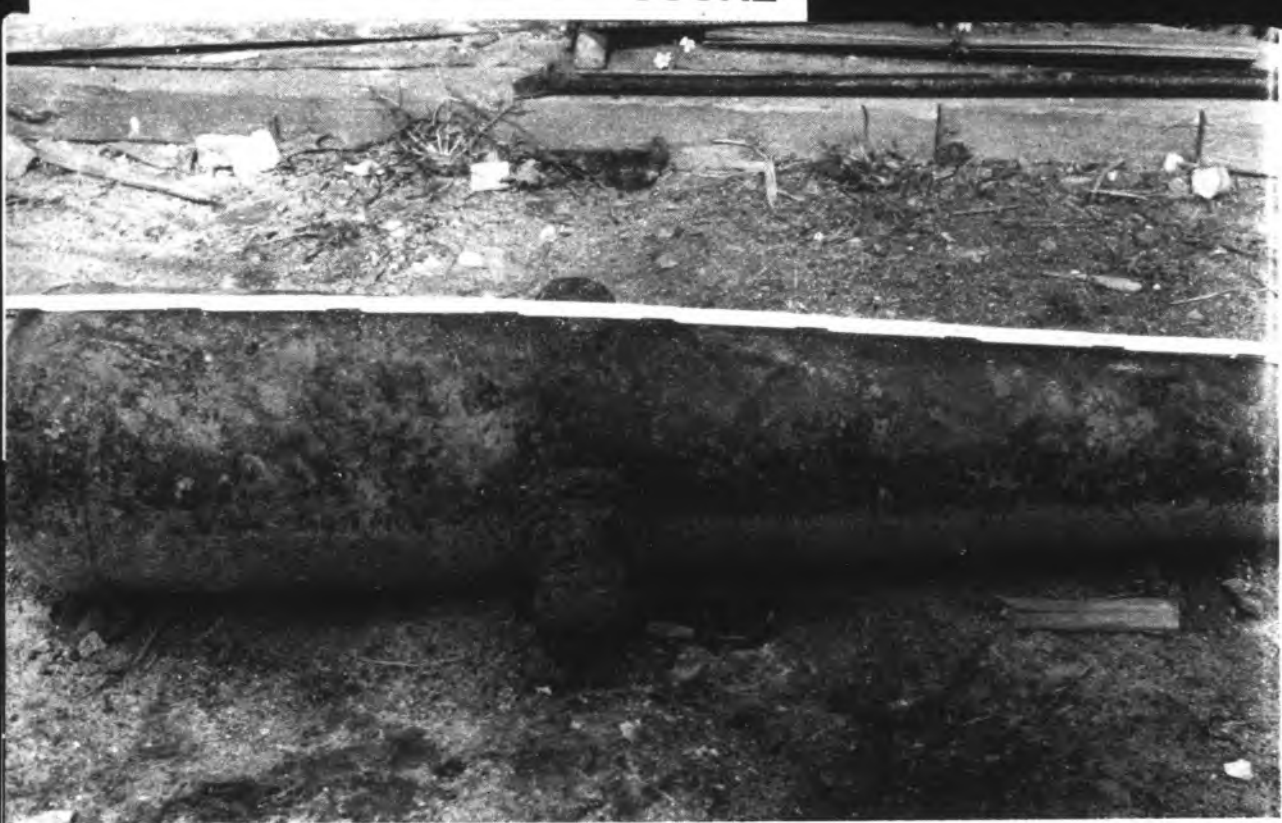
Other Parks and Historic Memorials need guns. Natural Bridge is in need of including the whole battleground where the battle was fought. Even the Bridge itself is not included in the few acres publicly owned there. The larger portion of the Confederate breastworks are not in the Memorial and none of the road and ground on which the Federals so courageously fought is included.

No cannon whatsoever adds interest to the historic picture here. The setting has what most battle grounds lack—great beauty of scenery.

The old Spanish Fort at St. Marks was converted into an American Fort. This just about had to be taken by the Federals before they moved on to Tallahassee. The failure of the ships to reach it and the defeats at Newport and Natural Bridge saved Tallahassee.

Torreya, high and beautiful, has its six Confederate gun pits but no guns are there. The old warehouse at Rock Bluff Landing has fallen into ruin. This historic river site also has a great





**Mr. C. M. Butler dredged up this Civil War twelve pounder. It will be mounted at Fort Clinch State Park.**

**It is planned to cast or have cast cannon to supply Forts Clinch and Pickens and also guns for Natural Bridge, Dade Battlefield, Olustee, Suwannee, Burnt Bridge (at Hillsborough) and elsewhere; when funds are made available.**

hillside cut, said locally to have been made by the Confederates. The ante-bellum Gregory House, gleaming white atop Neal's Bluff, is open to visitors but lacking in a sufficient amount of antique furnishings. The needs here could be easily and inexpensively supplied.

### **THE SUWANNEE WAS FEDERAL OBJECTIVE**

At Suwannee River State Park the Confederate breastworks north of the railroad are in the Park. The old camp house in them and its occupant need to be moved elsewhere. Guns and carriages need to be installed. This was the objective of the Federal Campaign of 1864.

The scene here is largely that of the idyllic South. The Governor Drew Mansion nearby, which was just recently acquired, should be restored to its former Victorian splendor for he was Florida's first governor following the dreary, poverty-stricken and oppressive Reconstruction Period.

Olustee Battlefield too needs dressing-up. It needs guns, guns for the Confederate side, guns for the Federal side, to give life to that field.

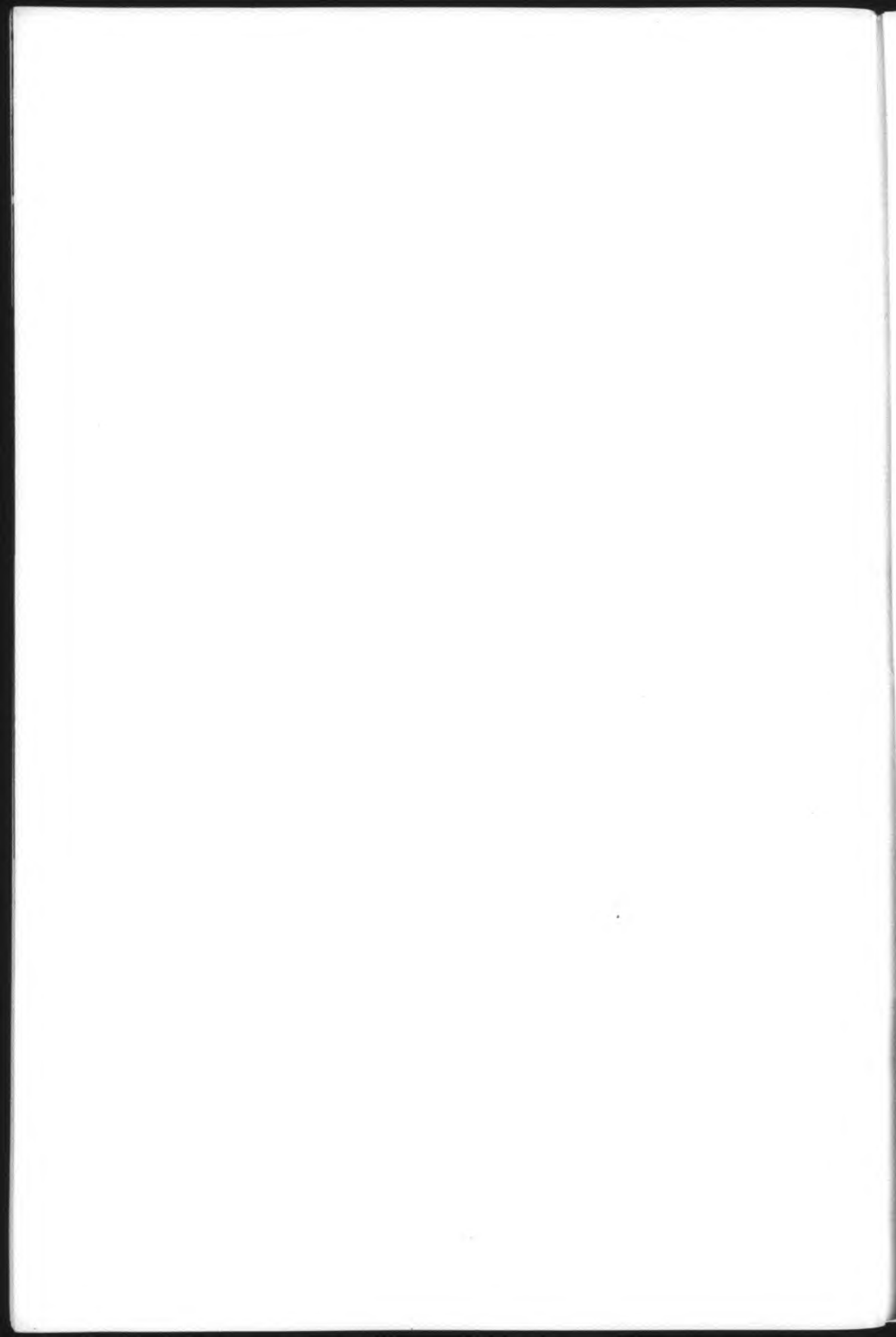
It needs enlarging to take in the entire field. Luckily all of this land is in public ownership. It needs a marker for the Federals and those of them who never were able to leave there and are buried, we know not just where, on this blood bathed field of battle.

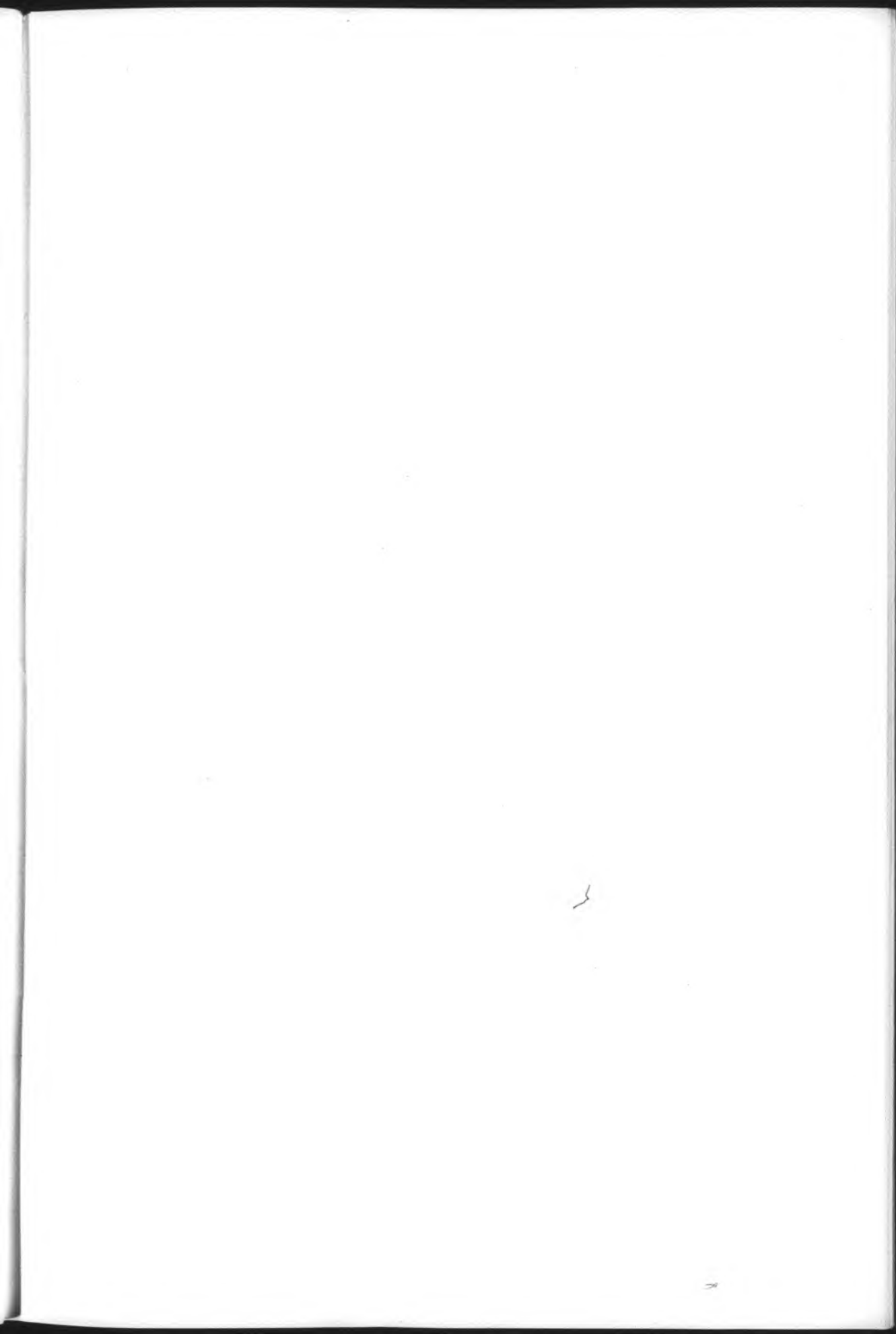
From Jacksonville to White House, to Baldwin, Barbers (Macclenny), Sanderson, to Olustee the route of this campaign should be marked. Also to Lake City where the Confederates were buried and where both Confederate and Federal captives were hospitalized and even on to the Suwannee which none of the Federals reached and many never saw.



**Empty gun carriages at Fort Clinch State Park need to be filled with guns to make the Fort "come to life" for those who visit it during the Civil War Centennial Celebration, and later.**

Fort Clinch and Fernandina played an important role in this conflict. No guns are on the old gun carriages in a bastion. Only one lone and little six pounder is on the parade ground within the Fort. This was bought largely from funds of the local historical society and a donation from Colonel Duncan L. Clinch. An effort is being made to supply Clinch with guns by local metal collections for funds and for casting.





## INVENTORY OF HISTORIC SITES

Governor LeRoy Collins made funds available to publish the inventory of marked, unmarked and suggested historic sites and structures in Florida.

This inventory was made at the Governor's suggestion.

The Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials asked Dr. Kathryn Abbey Hanna to make the inventory. This was done with the cooperation of many people throughout the entire State.

It resulted in a list of sites totaling one thousand. However, it is an open inventory and is subject to additions, deletions and corrections.

Fortunately, some of these sites have been appropriately marked. Many are available for suitable marking. In some cases the actual site has not been relocated or is not accessible to the public.

In some localities an excellent site marking program has been carried out largely through the impetus given to this activity by local historical societies, individuals, patriotic organizations and business firms.

The pocket-size booklet listing the sites by counties is available at no charge. It bears the title, "A List Of Historic Sites And Structures In Florida."

Historic Societies and the general public are interested in having our historic sites suitably and accurately designated and explained.

"The past is the prelude to the future," and thus we need to know Florida's past to properly go ahead.



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# PARK AND HISTORIC MEMORIAL ATTENDANCE AND RECEIPTS

July 1, 1956 — December 31, 1958

PARK OR HISTORIC MEMORIAL	FISCAL YEAR 1956-1957		FISCAL YEAR 1957-1958		FIRST SIX MONTHS FISCAL YEAR 1958-1959	
	Attendance	Receipts	Attendance	Receipts	Attendance	Receipts
Administration	-	\$ 16.90	-	\$ 31.46	-	\$ 8.30
Anastasia	131,749	323.03	115,580	88.33	65,965	21.66
Bulow Ruins	10,456	357.27	14,877	528.59	7,124	311.96
Collier Seminole	41,359	2,018.47	66,912	3,672.25	33,418	925.04
Constitution Monument	9,181	-	10,352	-	3,393	63.41
Dade Battlefield	45,113	828.26	52,130	1,337.07	29,857	907.78
Florida Caverns	50,738	29,479.81	56,845	32,076.80	29,300	18,577.28
Fort Clinch	134,044	12,691.88	251,135	11,963.24	78,208	7,074.59
Fort George Historic Sites	10,034	300.00	37,421	300.00	11,968	150.00
Fort Pickens	369,478	15,451.72	232,395***	26,703.79	137,032***	17,098.50
Gamble Mansion	5,179	984.54	5,075	1,035.03	2,604	289.98
Gold Head Branch	81,376	16,925.64	99,009	21,745.76	74,386	9,354.02
Highlands Hammock	67,168	21,395.87*	69,355	12,051.30	30,716	4,261.09
Hillsborough River	155,412	23,180.86	146,843	23,681.86	77,156	13,199.04
Hugh Taylor Birch	799,773	64,807.41	832,825	59,239.91	325,737	22,762.96
Dr. John Gorrie	750*	-	3,113	17.39	5,632	64.61
Jonathan Dickinson	8,764	824.05	32,435	2,046.53	20,377	1,302.94
Killlearn Gardens	16,031	5,126.89	17,622	5,621.15	28,062	1,607.32
Little Talbot Island (No. & So.)	265,928	10,258.74	217,604	7,467.39	108,509	2,254.64
Madira Bickel Mound	750*	-	750*	-	400*	-
Manatee Springs	36,137	3,745.51	37,778	4,677.01	30,851	4,253.10

Myakka River	78,017	13,713.02	74,618	13,116.05	37,203	7,081.51
Natural Bridge	4,000*	-	6,000	-	3,000	-
New Smyrna Sugar Mill	22,168	-	21,460	-	12,754	-
O'Leno	38,560	5,579.51	37,098	5,298.34	22,331	4,241.53
Olustee Battlefield	8,396	6.40	10,406	28.95	5,399	21.56
Pellicer Creek	750*	-	1,250*	-	750*	-
St. Andrews	205,262	20,518.81	227,618	16,090.29	125,472	9,509.48
Suwannee River	20,451	678.13	32,058	975.84	22,940	648.18
Tomoka	125,847	1,511.03	140,079	1,734.04	66,128	1,307.08
Torrey	19,158	559.77	11,225	423.43	4,985	205.56
Turtle Mound	5,000*	-	5,500*	-	3,000*	-
Yulee Sugar Mill	1,000*	-	3,000*	-	1,500*	7.25
Totals	2,768,029	\$251,283.52	2,870,368	\$251,951.80	1,406,157	\$127,483.89

\* Office Estimate

\*\* Includes \$9,105.00 from Sales of Burned Timber

\*\*\* Includes 26,000 in 1957-58 and 15,000 First Six Months 1958-59 Using Park East of Gate

# USE AND FACILITIES

Park	Exhibits or Museum	Fishing L-Lake S-Stream B-Beach	Bathhouse	R-Refresh- ments V-Vending Machines	Vacation Cabins	Picnic Facilities	Barbecue Pit	Rental Boats or Canoes	Boat Docks Ramp Fishing Pier
Anastasia.....		S-B				X			D-R
Collier-Seminole.....	X	S		V		X			
Florida Caverns.....	X	S		V		X			
Fort Clinch.....	X	B		R		X			R
Fort Pickens 2.....	X	B		R		X			D-R
Gold Head Branch.....		L	E	R	14	X	X	X	D-R
Highlands Hammock.....	X	S	E	F		X	X		
Hillsborough River.....	X	S		F		X	X	X	D
Hugh Taylor Birch.....	X	L		F		X	X	X	D
Killearn Gardens.....		L		V		X			R
North Little Talbot Island.....		B-S	R	R		X			
South Little Talbot Island 1.....		B-S	I	F		X			P
Manatee Springs.....		S	B	V		X		X	D-R
Myakka River 2.....	X	L-S		R	5	X	X	X	D-R
O'Leno.....	X	S	B	V	X3	X			D
Pellicer.....		S				X			D
St. Andrews 2.....		B	B2	R		X			R-P1
Suwannee River.....		S		V		X			
Tomoka 2.....		S		V		X2			R-D
Torreya 4.....		S		V		X	X		
Historic Memorials									
Natural Bridge.....		S				X			
Bulow Ruins.....	X	S		V		X			
Dade Battlefield.....	X			V		X	X		
Dr. John Gorrie.....	X								
Gamble Mansion.....	X								
Fort George.....		S		R5		X5			R5
Olustee Battlefield.....	X								
Constitution Monument.....	X								

1 Colored Only

2 White and Colored Areas

3 Early Spring, late Fall and Winter Use Only

4 Bunkhouse Only

5 At Huguenot of Memorials

# USE AND FACILITIES (Continued)

Park	Recreation Building	Trailer Camping	Day Camping	Tent Camping	Group Camping	Nature Trails	Swimming	Guides
Anastasia.....			X			X	5	
Collier-Seminole.....		X	X	X			6	
Florida Caverns.....	X	X	X	X		X	6	X
Fort Clinch.....	X	X	X	X		X	5	X
Fort Pickens 2.....	X	X	X	X			5	X
Gold Head Branch.....	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Highlands Hammock.....	X	X	X	X		X	6	X
Hillsborough River.....	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Hugh Taylor Birch.....	X		X		X	X	X	
Killearn Gardens.....						X	X	
North Little Talbot Island.....			X			X	X	
South Little Talbot Island 1.....	X						X	
Manatee Springs.....		X	X	X			X	
Myakka River 2.....	X	X	X	X		X		
O'Leno.....	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Pellicer Creek.....				X				
St. Andrews 2.....			X	X	X			
Suwannee River.....		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Tomoka 2.....			X	X		X	5	
Torreya.....		X	X	X	4	X	6	
Historic Memorial								
Bulow Ruins.....			X	X				X
Dade Battlefield.....			X					X
Dr. John Gorrie.....								X
Gamble Mansion.....								X
Fort George.....								X
Olustee Battlefield.....								X
Constitution Monument.....								X

1 Colored Only  
2 White and Colored Areas

4 Bunkhouse Only  
5 Bathing permitted—no facilities

6 Bathing nearby—not in Park  
No bath houses at Hugh Taylor Birch, Fort Pickens, Fort Clinch, Killearn Gardens, or Anastasia



# STATE PARK ROAD AND PARKING AREAS—CONDITIONS AND NEEDS

Park	Road to Park	Park Road Needs	New Roads Needed	Needed Parking Areas
Anastasia.....	Excellent.....			Yes.....
John Bartram.....	Unpaved.....	Needs paving 5½ miles.....	4,000 lineal feet.....	Yes.....
Collier-Seminole.....	Excellent.....			Yes.....
Flagler Beach.....	Excellent.....		½ mile.....	Yes.....
Florida Caverns.....	Excellent.....		2 miles.....	
Fort Clinch.....	Excellent.....		350 lineal feet.....	Yes.....
Fort Pickens.....	Excellent.....	½ mile needs top coat.....	¼ mile Negro area. One mile picnic, beach area.....	Yes.....
Gold Head Branch.....	Excellent.....			
Highlands Hammock.....	Excellent.....	Resurfacing Needed.....		Yes.....
Hillsborough River.....	Excellent.....	Needs surfacing 2½ miles.....	2½ miles.....	Yes.....
Hugh Taylor Birch.....	Excellent.....			Yes.....
Jonathan Dickinson.....	Excellent.....		3½ miles—graded.....	Yes.....
Killearn Gardens.....	Excellent.....			Yes.....
Fort George.....	Excellent.....	Needs surfacing.....	1 mile.....	Yes.....
No. & So. Little Talbot.....	Excellent.....		1½ miles.....	Yes.....
Manatee Springs.....	Excellent.....	Surfacing 4,000 lin. ft.....	¼ mile.....	Yes.....
Myakka River.....	Bad.....	3 miles needs surfacing.....	3½ miles access from north.....	Yes.....
O'Leno.....	Excellent.....			Yes.....
Pellicer Creek.....	Poor.....		1½ miles needed.....	Yes.....
Tomoka.....	Excellent.....	2 miles needs surfacing.....	½ mile—Camping area.....	Yes.....
Torrey.....	Excellent.....			Yes.....
St. Andrews.....	Excellent.....	Excellent.....		Yes.....
Suwannee River.....	Excellent.....	¼ mile surfacing.....	2 miles & Entrance.....	Yes.....
South Creek.....	Excellent.....		½ mile needed.....	Yes.....
Jim Woodruff.....	Excellent.....		2.3 miles.....	Yes.....

# HISTORIC MEMORIALS—ROADS AND PARKING AREAS

Park	Road to Park	Park Road Needs	New Roads Needed	Parking Areas Needed
Addison Blockhouse.....	None.....	.....	Grade & shell 1 mile .....	None—10-car .....
Battle of Marianna.....	Excellent .....	.....	.....	City—None .....
Bulow Ruins.....	Bad.....	3,600 lin. ft.....	.....	Yes .....
Dade Battlefield.....	Excellent .....	Resurface 2,500 lin. ft. ....	420 lin. ft. ....	Yes .....
DeFuniak Confederate Monument.....	Excellent .....	.....	.....	.....
Gamble Mansion.....	Excellent .....	.....	.....	.....
Dr. John Gorrie.....	Excellent .....	.....	.....	.....
Green Mound.....	Excellent .....	.....	.....	.....
Madira Bickel Mound.....	Excellent .....	.....	.....	.....
Natural Bridge Battlefield.....	Excellent .....	.....	.....	5-car .....
New Smyrna Sugar Mill.....	Good.....	1-8 mile-surfacing .....	.....	10-car .....
Olustee Battlefield.....	Excellent .....	Surfacing 780 lin. ft. ....	.....	Ye: .....
Ormond's Tomb.....	Excellent .....	.....	.....	.....
State Constitution.....	Excellent .....	.....	.....	Surface .....
Turtle Mound.....	Good.....	.....	600 lin. ft. ....	30-car .....
Yellow Bluff.....	Excellent .....	.....	.....	Adequate .....
Yulee Mill.....	Excellent .....	.....	.....	Ye: .....

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**THE FLORIDA BOARD OF PARKS AND HISTORIC MEMORIALS**  
**FOR**  
**EACH PARK OR HISTORIC MEMORIAL**


1934	Mvkka River O'Leno	Adrian Honore Estate Receiver Alice L. Hurner
1935	Gold Head Branch Torreya Highlands Hammock Fort Clinch	Foremost Properties, Inc. Neal Veneer & Mfg. Co. Highlands Hammock, Inc. Estate of Sylvester Neville
1936	Hillsborough River Suwannee River	Dorothy & Wayne Thomas D. T. & Juanita O'Hara
1937	Florida Caverns Tomoka	Florida Caverns, Inc. Irving W. Bonbright & Wife
1942	Hugh Taylor Birch	Hugh Taylor Birch
1944	Collier-Seminole	Collier County
1945	Addison Blockhouse Bulow Ruins Ormond Tomb	Volusia Hammock State Park Association Volusia Hammock State Park Association Volusia Hammock State Park Association
1946	St. Andrews Lake Griffin	United States Internal Improvement Fund
1947	Jonathan Dickinson	United States
1948	Madira Bickel Mound	Karl & Madira Bickel
1949	Manatee Springs Anastasia New Smyrna Sugar Mill Turtle Mound Gamble Mansion Olostee Battlefield Dade Battlefield Fort Pickens	Robinson Land & Lumber Co. United States Historical Society of Florida Historical Society of Florida Blanketed From State Under Collins Bill Blanketed From State Under Collins Bill Blanketed From State Under Collins Bill United States
1950	Natural Bridge Constitution Monument John Rollins Yellow Bluff Fort Pellicer Creek	Anna Jackson Chapter U. D. C. City of Port St. Joe, Florida Rollins College The North Shore Corporation Hiram Faver
1951	Little Talbot Island	State Road Department
1952	Green Mound	Green Mound Historical Society
1953	Yulee Sugar Mill  Killearn Gardens Huguenot	Citrus County Board of County Commis- sioners Trustees of Killearn Gardens State Road Department
1954	Flagler Beach	United States
1955	Fort George (Don Juan McQueen) (Colonel McIntosh) (Kingsley Area) Dr. John Gorrie Jim Woodruff	Fort George Club    City of Apalachicola Department of The United States Army (Lease)
1956	South Creek	Mrs. Waters Field Burrows
1957	Magnolia Lake	State of Florida Armory Board (Lease)
1958	Butler Beach John Bartram	College Park Realty Company United States
1959	Gov. Drew	W. S. Beasley

# ACREAGE OF FLORIDA STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC MEMORIALS

State Parks (21 Areas)	Acreage	Present Status***
Anastasia	852	O
Collier-Seminole	6,423	O
Florida Caverns*	1,131	O
Fort Clinch	1,086	O
Fort Pickens*	1,659	O
Gold Head Branch	1,338	O
Highlands Hammock	3,800	O
Hillsborough River	2,810	O
Hugh Taylor Birch	180	O
Jonathan Dickinson	9,563	O
Killearn Gardens	308	O
North Little Talbot Island	1,230	O
South Little Talbot Island (Colored)	750	O
Manatee Springs	1,780	O
Mykka River*	27,028	O
O'Leno	1,428	O
Pellicer Creek	752	O—P
Saint Andrews*	1,022	O
Suwannee River*	1,838	O
Tomoka*	836	O
Torreya	1,063	O
Sub-total	66,877	
<b>Historic Memorials (22 Areas)</b>		
Addison Blockhouse	5	U
Battle of Marianna	0	O
Bulow Plantation Ruins	109	O
Confederate Monument	0	O
Constitution Convention	12	O
Dade Battlefield	80	O
Fort George Sites**	262	O
Gamble Mansion	5	O
Dr. John Gorrie	1	O
Green Mound	6	P
Madira Bickel Mound	10	P
Natural Bridge Battlefield	6	O
New Smyrna Sugar Mill Ruins	17	O
Olustee Battlefield	3	O
Ormond Tomb	9	O
Turtle Mound	10	P
Yulee Sugar Mill Ruins	6	O
Sub-total	541	
<b>Undeveloped Areas (8 Areas)</b>		
John Bartram	73	U
Lake Griffin State Park	725	U
Jim Woodruff*-(2 Areas)	686	P
Magnolia Lake (Colored)	191	P
Flagler Beach State Park	139	U
South Creek State Park	488	U
Frank B. Butler (Colored)	40	U
Sub-total	2,322	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	69,740	
<b>Submerged Lands on Florida Keys</b>		
Florida Overseas Parkway (Area Undetermined)		U
* White and Colored Areas		
** Includes Yellow Bluff Fort, Huguenot, Tabby House, Rollins Bird and Plant Refuge and Kingsley Plantation Areas		
*** O-Operating		
P-Partially Developed		
U-Undeveloped		







My rule, in which I have  
always found satisfaction, is,  
never to turn aside in public  
affairs through views of private  
interest; but to go straight  
forward in doing what appears  
to me right at the time,  
leaving the consequences  
with Providence.

*Benjamin Franklin* 1770

